

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments**Rain Again Spoils Week-end****Recreio Saved Against Indians: Local Interest Definitely On The Wane**

THE CRICKET SEASON was yet further ruined by the weather on Saturday last when, after light rain about four, there was a perfect deluge about five o'clock. Apart from the Police and University in the Junior League where the former took no more such short work of their opponents that they got the match over before being flooded there was nothing doing.

"There seems to me no earthly chance of finishing the first Division programme and I strongly recommend those interested to scrap all programmes and play off K.C.C. v. Civil Service on the first fine Saturday.

I went along to deal with the C.S.C.C. v. Varsity match at the Valley only to find it had been cancelled.

There is something pretty rotten in the cricket out here at present and unless more enthusiasm is shown I don't know what is going to happen to the game. I admit the weather difficulties but it is more than that.

I AM inclined to think that the Recreio with a somewhat depleted team might quite probably have been beaten on Saturday last but for the rain. The conditions were never good and the I.R.C. had to struggle for runs.

Had Ozorio, who bowled excellently, been able to get good support from the other end, a very different story might have been told, but the I.R.C. batsmen hung on and six of them got double figures, K. M. Rumjahn heading the list with 25 runs.

The total of 118 was very modest and had Eddie Gosano been there to bowl opposite Ozorio, (they are a splendid contrast), I think it would have been very much smaller.

The Recreio started poorly but rain intervened. They suffer from the fact that both Jerry and Zinho Gosano have been on the injured list, and I am afraid that they are tending rather towards that multiplicity of games which has spoilt many a promising young player here.

League Match Finished

THE Police showed a flash of their last year's form when they beat the University second eleven, which had been obliged to include one or two of fairly regular first eleven players.

Apart from Matthews (28) and T. T. Chui (14) the highest score was 34, and they were all out for 58! White took 6 for 35 and Carey 4 for 18.

The Police had time to hit off the runs before the deluge burst—one of the heaviest I have seen for some

SPORTS ADV.**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB**

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 12th, and Monday, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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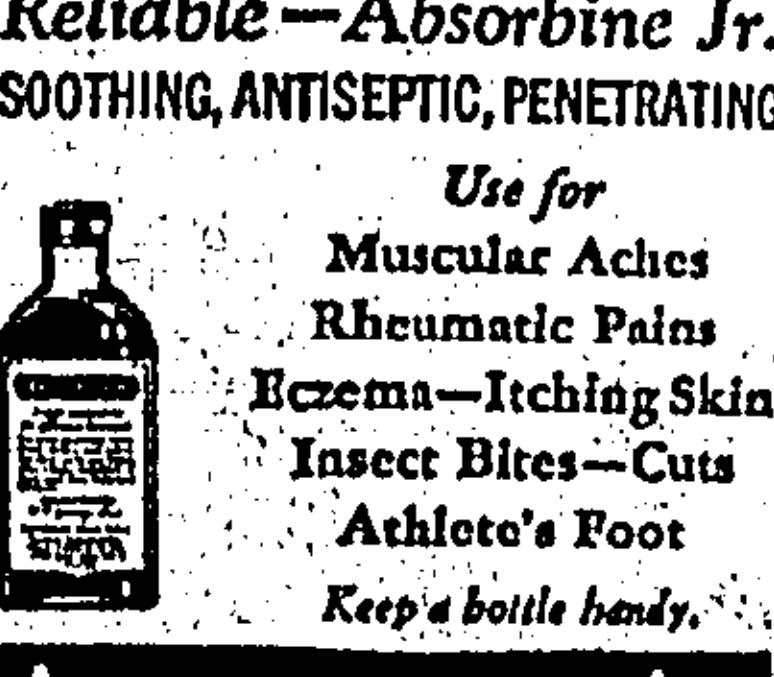
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**Pagh - Umetani Match Finally Brought To An End****Brilliant Badminton At Kowloon C.C.****M. P. Yoong Beats Hooi In Great Match**

(By "Tinker")

Words seem so inadequate when required to describe a match such as that between M. P. Yoong and P. K. Hooi in the Badminton Championships at the Kowloon C.C. last night. Skill and unconquerable determination blended to make the game one which outshone most others, ever played in the Colony.

In the two games that were completed, each was settled and Hooi lost only by the narrowest margin, while in the third game, Yoong was forced to retire for a short while owing to cramp in the stomach which was aggravated by a vomiting spell. This was actually the second game, after he had won the first, and he conceded it to Hooi when the score was 11-5 in Hooi's favour.

Results at a glance were:

SENIOR SINGLES
M. P. Yoong, beat P. K. Hooi 17-14, 5-11, 17-15.

K. W. Choy beat W. Gilles 15-3, 15-1.

JUNIOR SINGLES

J. Odell beat H. S. Jones 15-5, 15-12.

J. L. Anderson beat E. Zimmern 15-0, 15-7.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

T. S. Young and M. K. Fung beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 18-17, 15-7.

Brilliant Victory

THE YOONG-HOOI match was the match of the evening. Yoong led 9-0 in the first game before Hooi commenced on his back-to-the-wall fight that was the outstanding feature of the whole match. Offsetting Yoong's control over the shuttle with accuracy that found the corners in several occasions, Hooi crept up to 9-2, 10-8, 11-8 and finally took the lead at 14-11.

Hooi settled at three, and with Yoong leading 2-0 service changed hands several times before the latter collected the winning point.

It was towards the end of this set that Yoong gave first signs of distress. In the second game he was obviously labouring under difficulty, and when Hooi was leading 10-5 had to request a minute's rest. He carried on again for one more strenuous point and then left the court. He was absent for more than five minutes and conceded the game to Hooi.

Marvellous Recovery

HIS RECOVERY in the third game was marvellous. One anticipated that Hooi, who was playing like a champion, would walk over his handicapped opponent, but there was no handicap apparent when Yoong opened up.

He led 6-2, 7-3, 9-3 and the Hooi again worked back again into 8-8 down. The score went 11-8, 11-10, 12-10, 13-10 and finally 14-11 in Yoong's favour.

Each point kept the large crowd of spectators on the edge of their seats, and, in fact, in the midst of one particularly thrilling rally they could not forbear to cheer while the shuttle was still in flight.

From 14-11, Hooi crept up 14-12, 14-13 and finally 14-all. Yoong settled at three, and at 1-all service changed hands four times before Yoong scored his two points with fine cross court shots.

Club Game

THEIR was the usual Army and Club friendly at H.K.C.C., Alec Pearce who skippered the Army side which included G. J. P. Carey and E. W. Pudney.

Thanks to one of Pearce's brilliant

centuries against some not very strong bowling the Army ran up 100 for 5 declared. D. S. Robb's XI looked like collapse when the rain came.

ANOTHER WASH-OUT

THE R.A.O.C. played the I.R.C. second eleven and the game met the usual fate. Storor, who does a great deal of secretarial work for Army cricket, retired with his score at 53, and in all the military side run up 150 for 7 declared. I.R.C. had one for 31 when the game terminated.

A SCHOOL GAME

THE Cragengower second eleven play a good many school games, and on Saturday last they had quite a good game with St Joseph's College. They made 118 only, and it would have been a close thing as M. A. Wahab made 40, and the school had 85 for six wickets.

These games are excellent for our young cricketers while still at school and I take off my hat to the Clubs who organise them.

ARMY CRICKET

I SEE that the Sappers pulled off the Army competition, unless I have entirely misread the book, but there seems to be a Small Units final down for this week.

I only wish that I could slink out of my office to see a bit of the game between the A.A. and R.A.S.C.

It will be interesting to see if the two Peascott come off for the A.A. as so often better players fail when turning out for junior teams.

Referees' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil at 8 p.m. to-night. The speaker will be Mr. Wong Ka-lun, Chairman of the Hong Kong Football Association.

Japanese Eliminated In Three Sets

(By "Tinker")

THOUGH at one time it appeared that the match was again going to be postponed, M. Pagh eventually eliminated O. Umetani in the Colony Singles Tennis Championship at the Hong Kong C.C. yesterday in three sets. Scores were 4-6, 14-12, 6-3.

The crowd of spectators were thoroughly entertained with the standard which never dropped throughout the match. The ground was heavy and slippery, and shots were consequently difficult to make. In this, however, the odds were in favour of the Japanese who was far the lighter on his feet.

But the marathon second set should never have gone that distance. Decisions generally were doubtful, and though they were dispensed with cheerful impartiality, two in particular fell very heavily on Pagh in this second set. He won 14-12, which was just 14 games too many that were played.

The ball quickly discoloured and once again the umpire was in great difficulty, but with due respects to the linesmen concerned, I venture to say that it is impossible, especially in such a match and on ground as yesterday's, for the baseline judges to give decisions on sideline balls.

In the 12th game of the second set, with Umetani serving, the score was 15-10 when a palpable double-fault was allowed. Pagh was then leading 6-5 and should have won 7-5.

Again in the 20th game with Umetani again serving, there was a line decision given by the baseline man against Pagh that made the players hesitate. The game eventually went to Umetani, for that point made him 40-love, and though he lost two points he won the third.

However, the set went to Pagh.

Accurate Shots

THE condition of the court made tennis difficult, but both players were nevertheless in accurate form, and several shots on the deep backhand were first-class. Each was concentrating on the backhand, and in this Pagh lost several valuable

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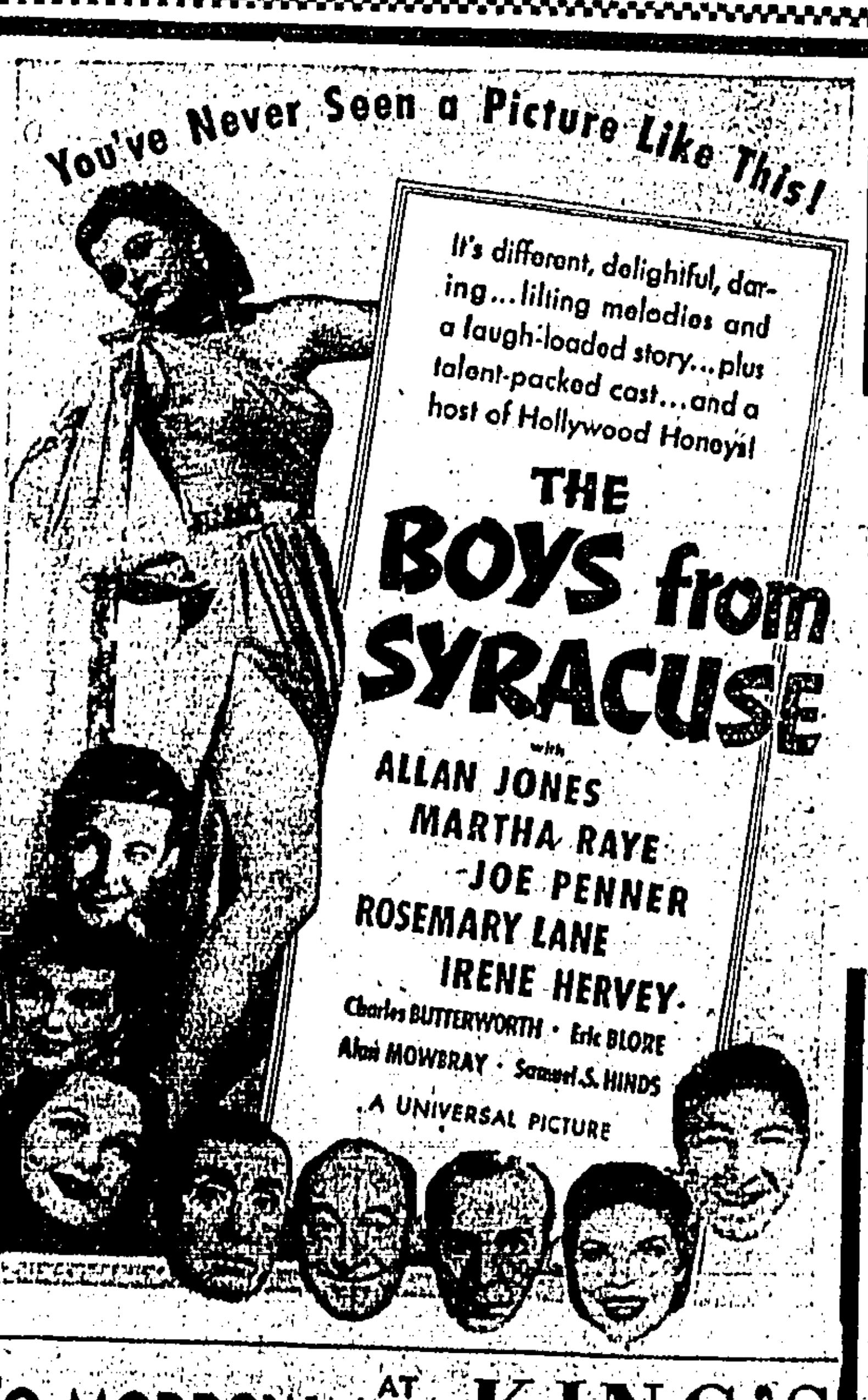
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The bride was given away by her uncle Mr Lee Tse-ming. Her dress was of white French lace, cut on princess lines with high neck and long sleeves. A tiara of orange blossoms held her long tulle veil in place. She carried a bouquet of aurum lilies.

The bridesmaids were Miss Dorrie Lee, the bride's cousin, and Miss Nancy Lui, the bridegroom's sister. They wore dresses of sky blue and mauve tulle with high waists, full skirts, short puffed sleeves and Juliet caps of the same materials. They carried posies of mixed spring flowers.

The bridegroom was among the first Chinese to receive the S.G.I. Diploma from the Swedish College of Physical Education under Major Thulin, and Diploma of Physical Education from Loughborough College, England, and is the only Chinese Examiner appointed in England, for the Royal Life-Saving Society. He is now Instructor at King's College and the Evening Institute, and is well-known among local sportsmen as a member of King's College Badminton team.

He was supported by his brother, Mr Herbert Lui, and the bride's brother, Mr Bubba Lee. Master Tony Lee, in full morning coat and top hat was page boy, while Miss Cheung Shiu-chee, a miniature of the bridesmaids, but in pink, was the flower girl.

Mrs Lee Tse-ming was the Matron of Honour.

The Reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel where a large gathering of friends and relatives joined the Hcn. Mr M. K. Lo in toasting the health of the happy couple. The honeymoon will be spent at Repulse Bay Hotel. The bride's going-away costume was a pale blue Shanghai-fallored Chinese dress.

Engineers
Institute

A suggestion that associate members be permitted to serve on the managing committee was adopted at the annual meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders yesterday.

The Chairman said it was a very pleasant thought for the Institution, after 10 years of losses to be entering into its 51st year on the right side of the ledger. The policy which the Committee had adopted to renovate the premises had proved a success, inasmuch as they were now more frequently used, resulting in a profit.

The membership had increased and he had no doubt the Institution would enjoy another year of reasonable prosperity.

The election of officers resulted.— President, Mr. W. G. M. Wilson; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. R. B. Bell, C. Bond, J. Finnie, J. J. Forster; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. F. Simpson; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Tarrant, J. C. Liberman, Mr. J. J. Forster; members of the Managing Committee, Messrs. J. Watson, D. C. Welsh, J. Rose, J. T. Ewing, M. A. Mairs, W. B. Haslett, J. J. Forster, J. A. Kent, A. J. Walters, M. Pollock, L. Young, J. Russell.

Reuter adds that Judge Hatch, passing sentence, recommended that Riley's sentence be reduced to 12 months provided his behaviour in prison was good.

BLACK-OUT

Small Scale Exercise May Be Held This Month

Subject to approval by Government, a black-out practice on a small scale will be held during the middle of April, it was learned from the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, yesterday.

No date has yet been decided, and the practice will only be held, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins emphasised. If authority is given by Government,

In any event, the black-out will only last for one night, and Air Raid Wardens will be on duty as usual.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
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A total of \$1,749,300.44 and \$9,105, was received yesterday by the War Fund Subcommittee of the S.G.I. Post, Ltd, with the following donations:

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The Prison Staff (March)	\$24
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The Hongkong Football Club (being a Bowls competition won by C. G. Sollis at the Hongkong Football Club)	\$5
Edgar Davidson (March)	\$30
J. Finnie	\$30
Mr. S. S. Fortescue	\$30
Mr. W. G. F.	\$30

B.W.O.F. Accounts

The British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong, receipts and payments account for the month of February, 1941 are as follows:

Receipts.—To balance brought forward at February 1, 1941, \$20,116.97. To donations and subscriptions—February, 1941, \$18,546.32. To sales—Central Hospital Fund, \$1,000; Badge \$11, Wool \$2.20, \$10.50, total \$10.70.

Payments.—By purchases: Sheetings, Colico, Hospital requirements and Sowing materials \$2,110.60; By packing, transport, forwarding, and wages \$1,000; \$234.20; By office expenses—salaries and wages \$33.15, postage and stamps \$10.63, telegrams \$12.39, travelling \$2.10, telephone \$2,520.70, total \$3,124.37.

The expenditure for February, 1941, leaving Monies in hand on February 28, 1941—Current Account, Hongkong and Standard Bank \$33,532.23, and Petty Cash \$10.07.

Jack Riley Sentenced
In Shanghai Court

Shanghai, Mar. 31.—Jack Riley, well-known Shanghai American, who was captured on March 28 after having jumped bail of U.S.\$25,000 in December last year, pleaded guilty day to day to gambling charges made in the United States Court. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment on McNeil Island, the American penal settlement—United Press.

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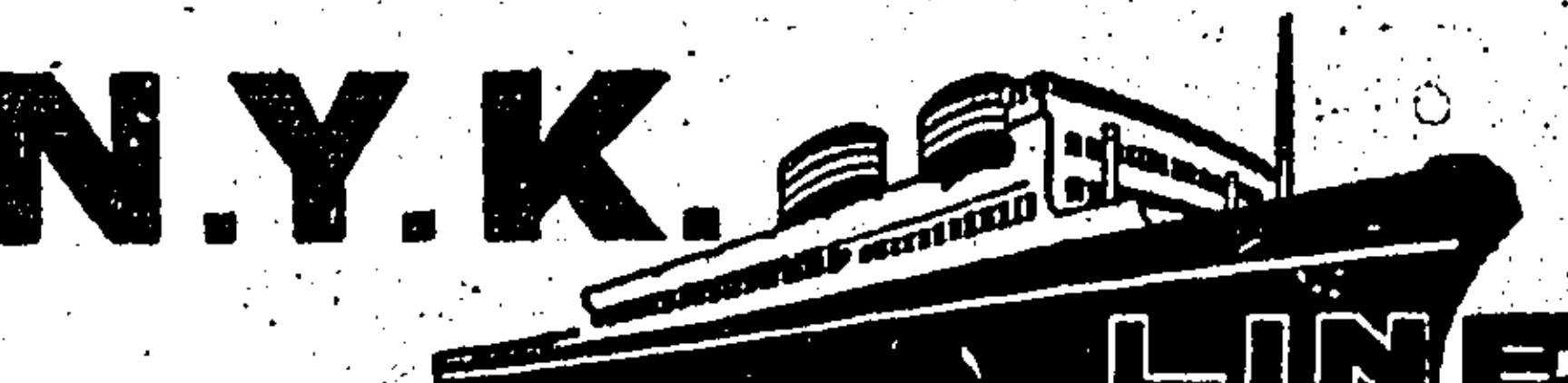
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How Italian Ships
Were Led Into Trap

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he found that it was Italian and not British ships that were being sunk.

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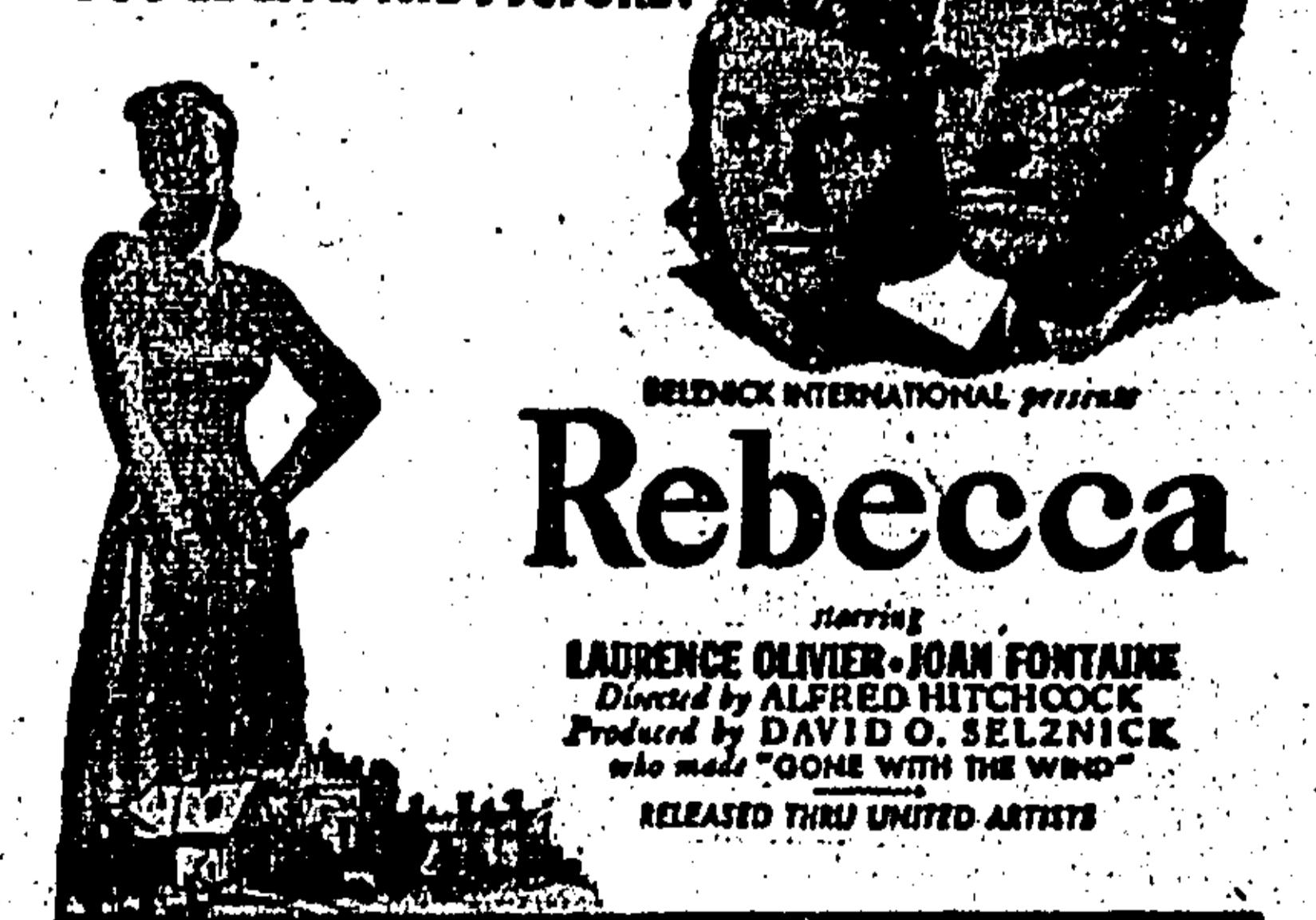
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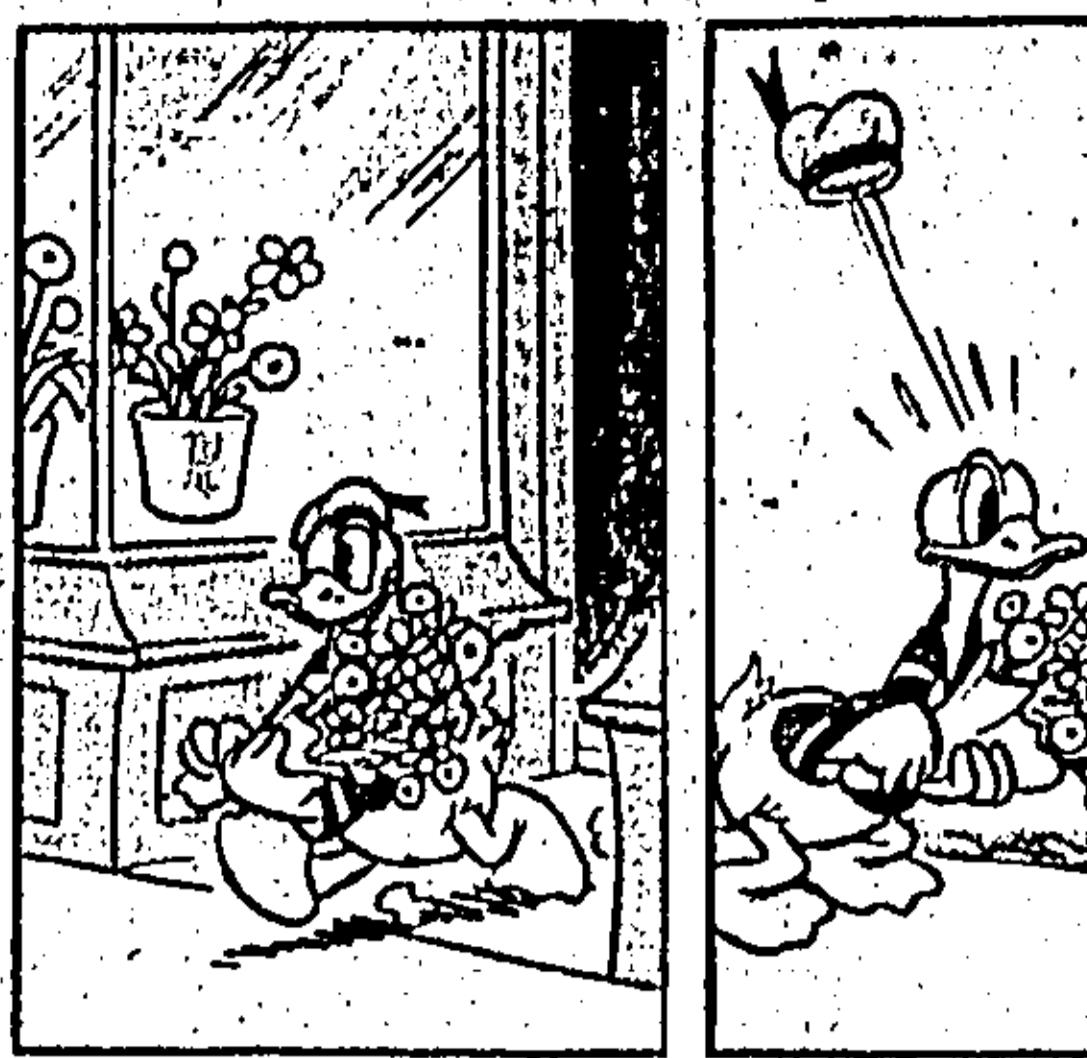
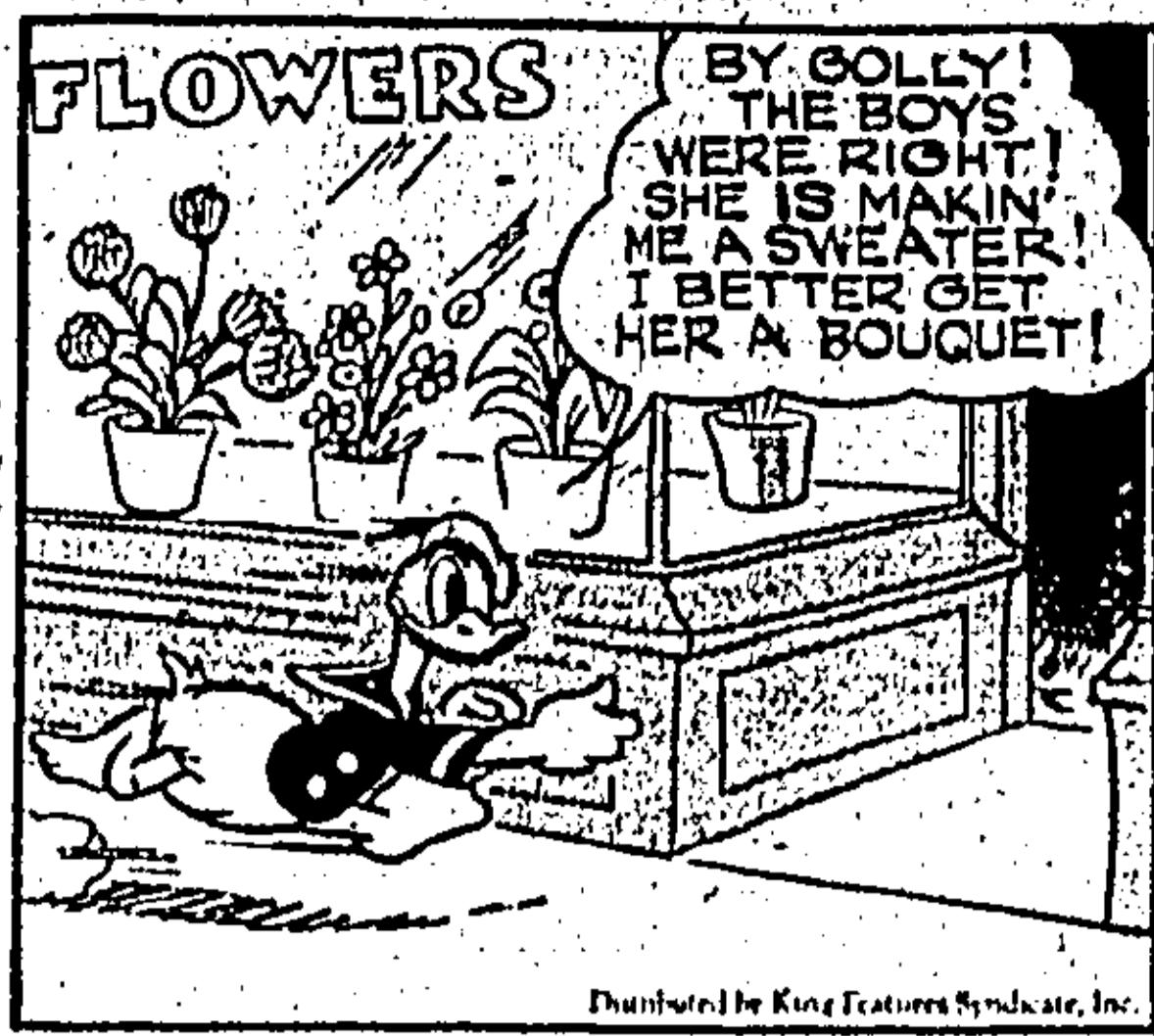
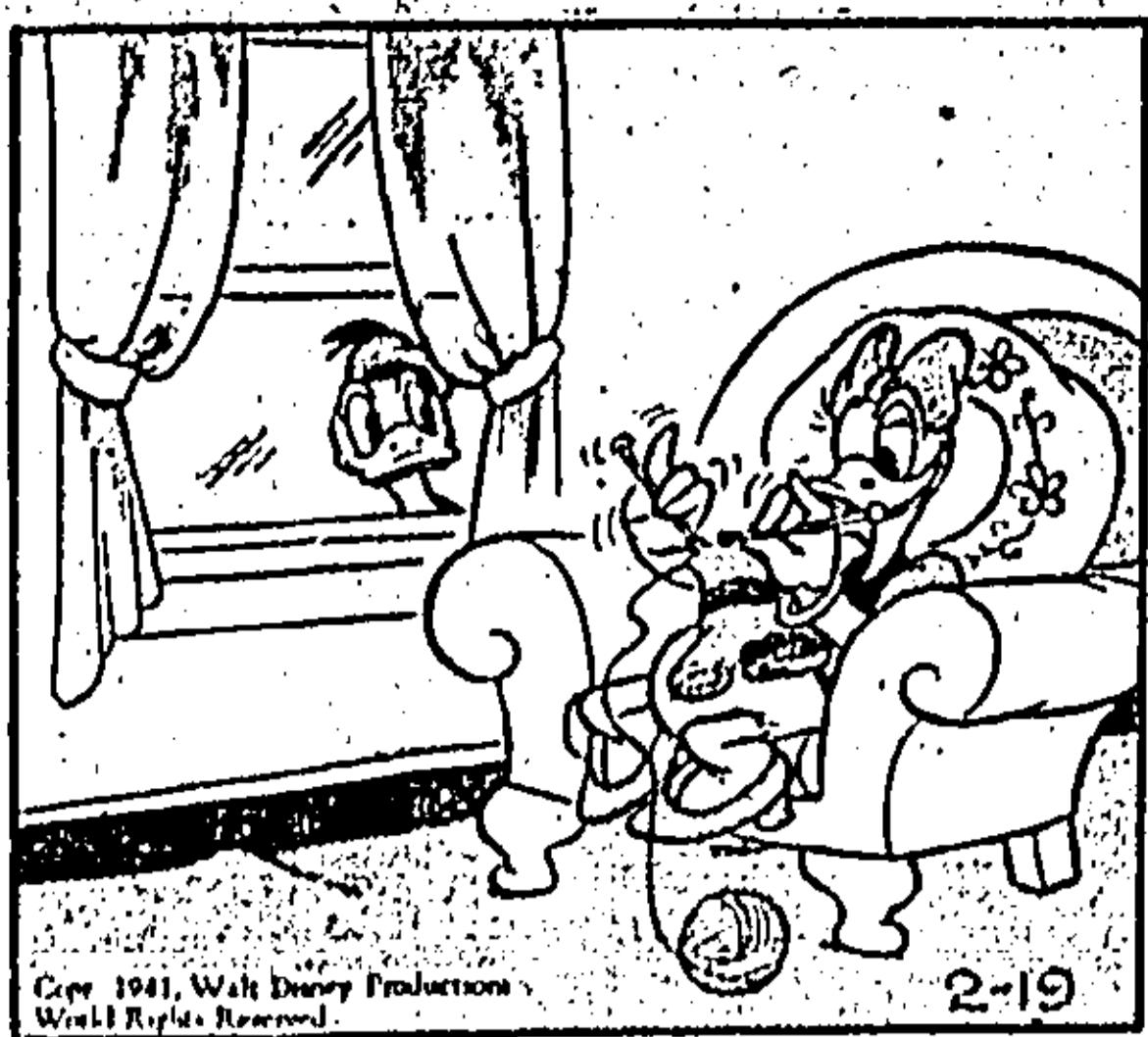
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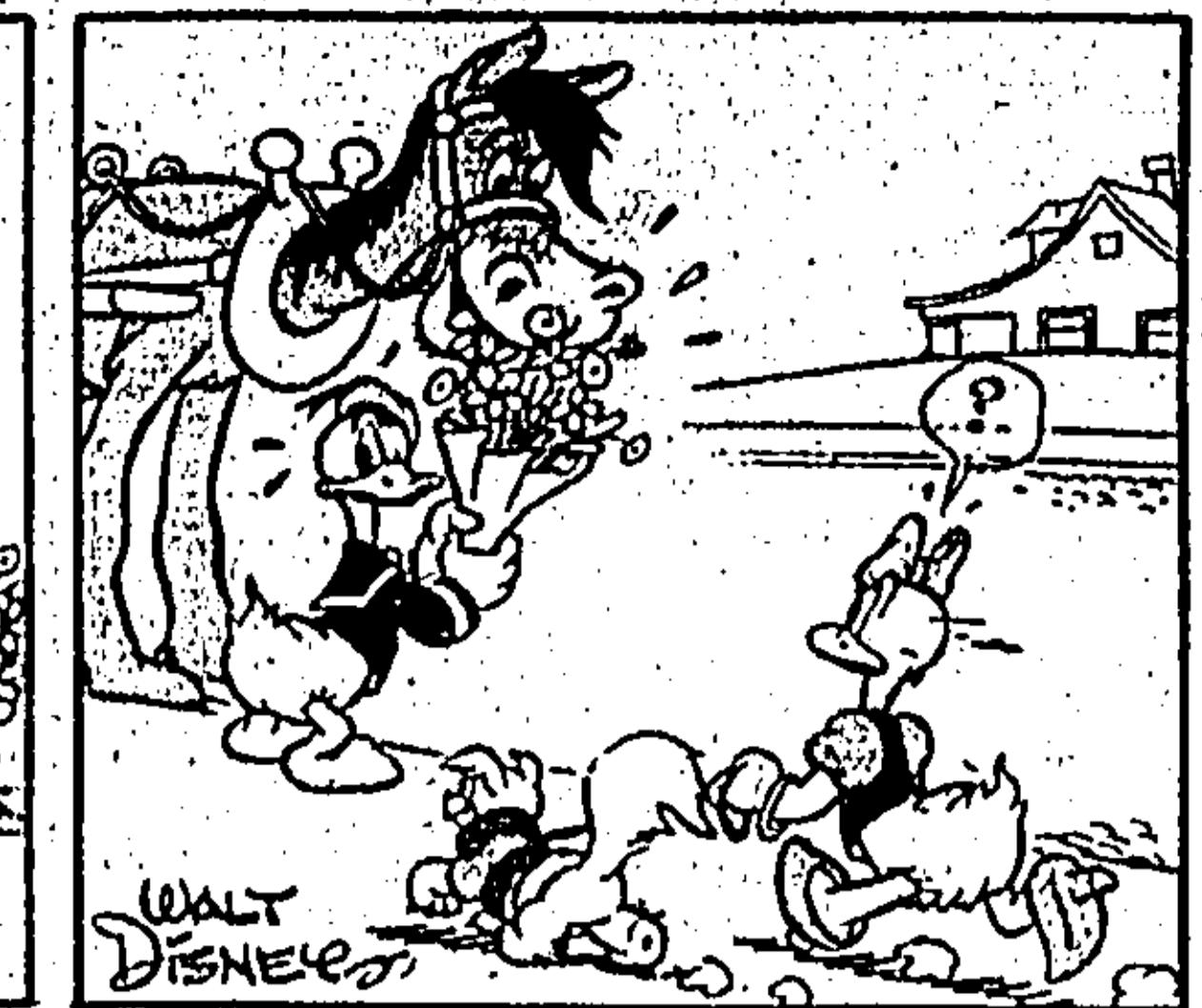
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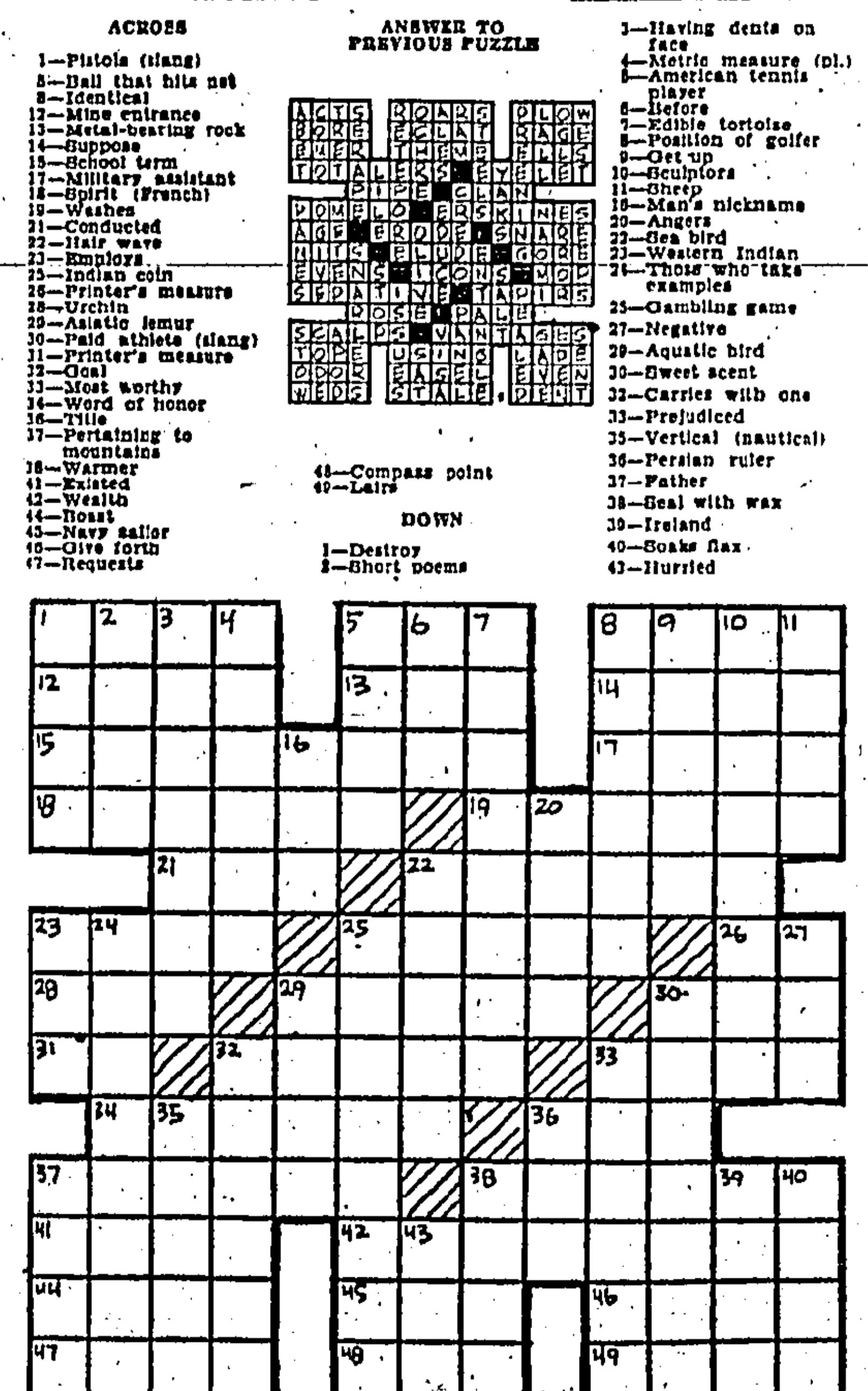
By Lichty



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OUR GREAT NEW ARMY

H. V. MORTON describes his visit to the "Young Soldiers"

I AM able to say that the War Office is giving careful thought to the grievances of the Young Soldiers Battalions. What these grievances are I shall explain in the course of this article.

First, let me explain what a Young Soldiers Battalion is, and how these units came into being. Their history is a curious one.

Before the War, Territorial battalions formed companies of old soldiers known as National Defence Companies, who had no peace-time duties or organisation but were to be called up on the outbreak of war to guard water-works, bridges, tunnels, aerodromes, military stores and power stations.

The age of enlistment in these companies was from 45 to 55, and at first only ex-soldiers were accepted.

Back To Khaki

When War came, these old soldiers turned up with great eagerness to put on khaki again and were formed into "Groups" composed of four or more companies under a Lieut-Colonel, who was called the "Group Commander."

This organisation was found to be imperfect and so in November 1939, the existing groups were formed into Battalions, known as the Home Defence Battalions, and as such they functioned as guards all over the country.

No one has ever praised those old soldiers for the work they did in critical and anxious times last year, or for the way they stood up to the hard winter of January and February.

Men who commanded them and came into contract with them tell me that they were magnificent.

However, despite their courage and cheerfulness, the surprising spectacle was observed, so often prophesied in military song, of those old soldiers gradually "fading away."

And they faded away as the result of age, illness, and old wounds.

Old Bill dragged himself to the water-works with heroic regularity, but, alas, his rheumatics, plus the "Blighty one" he got at Festubert, made it necessary for him to retire reluctantly into civil life.

When those old soldiers had been discharged, the supply ceased, and it was decided to fill the gaps with young volunteers between the ages of 18 and 20.

That was not a happy idea, and the mixing of old and young together was not satisfactory; therefore on September 19, 1940, the Young Soldiers Battalions were formed by removing from the Home Defence Battalions all the lads of 18 to 20.

Thus the Young Soldiers Battalions were born, phoenix-like, from the ashes of the old soldiers battalions.

And they remain to-day the only organisation which can give a boy two years' military

training before he automatically joins the Army at the age of twenty.

I visited a juvenile battalion, which wears the badge of a famous London regiment, and is stationed on the outskirts of a garrison town.

I found the headquarters in a pleasant suburban mansion hidden from the main road by trees.

Here I met the adjutant, and the second in command, both as keen as mustard on training young lads to be soldiers. Then I met the colonel, who was a good man for the job, I thought.

His expression could change in a second from that of a stern parent about to disinherit his son to that of a benevolent uncle about to part with half a crown.

"See My Battalion"

"If you wish to see my battalion, instead of talking about it," he said, "you'll have to travel round the countryside, for the boys are scattered all over the place on guard duty."

I asked if that was their normal position, and he replied, yes, unfortunately it was.

Owing to the intensive training going on in the district, it was not possible for older troops to be found for such duties, with the result that the young soldiers have to do them.

He had consequently never seen his battalion on parade, and knew it only as a number of scattered detachments.

He was then made a rapid tour of ordnance stores, waterworks, petrol dumps, an aerodrome, and such-like places, scattered over an area of several miles, and at each point we came upon a small detachment of young soldiers.

They were being chased about on P.T. and bayonet practice in the brief intervals between "posting up" for guard duty.

A sergeant, who wore the Mons Star, told me that a better lot of lads could not be found anywhere. It was pity to see their keenness being blunted on the soul-killing monotony of guard duty.

As they reach the age of 20, the boys leave the Young Soldiers Battalion and report to a training centre, from which they are sent to regular units of the Army.

It is the ambition of every boy in the battalion to become 20, so that he can escape from guard duty and learn to be a soldier.

"Help These Lads"

"I came away from this battalion with the profound conviction that we are neglecting one of the best breeding-grounds for officers, and N.C.O.s. If we do not right the wrongs of the Young Soldiers Battalions."

These boys are volunteers in an age of conscription.

They are interested in the Army, otherwise they would have waited to be called up in the ordinary way.

They are ambitious and want to be already proficient at an age when their contemporaries are raw recruits.

It is clearly our duty to help them to be so."

"Well," asked the colonel, when I had got back, "What do you think of my boys?"

I told him, I thought they had had a tough deal, I received a ten-shilling smile.

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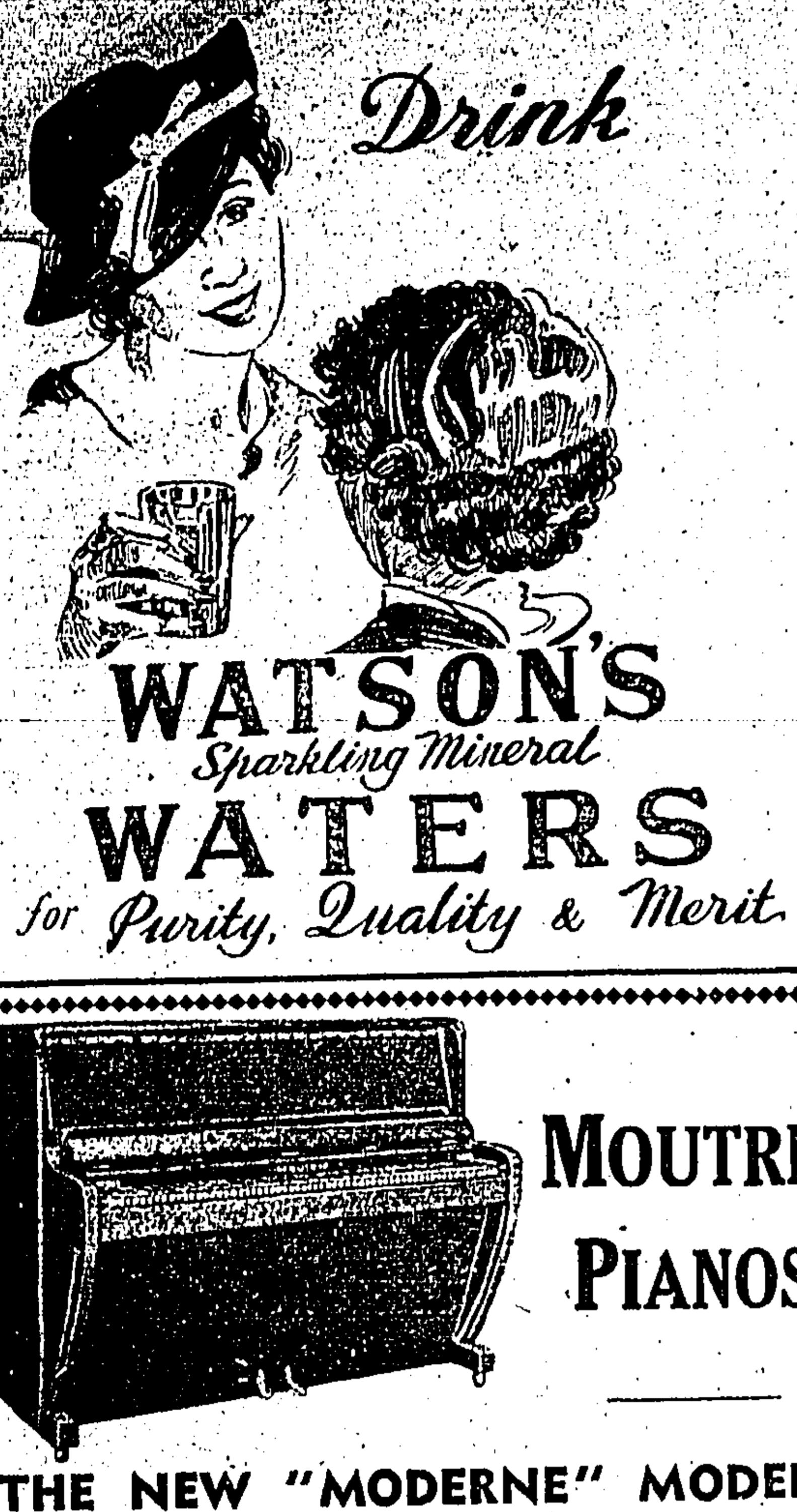
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PAUSE TO PONDER

THE programme of Mr Matsukawa's tour of Axis Europe has been admirably punctuated by Britain and her Allies and friends. He arrived in a gallantly-bellied Berlin as King Peter overthrew the pro-Axis Government of Yugo-Slavia, and is now visiting Mussolini as the victorious British stream into Abyssinia from all sides and the sound of the Royal Navy's guns sound a burial roll for five more Italian warships.

The Japanese Foreign Minister could have arrived at no worse moment from Hitler's point of view. The Japanese are realists; their ideological support of the "New Order" has never submerged their practical ambitions. Recently the Premier's words that Japan could never become a totalitarian nation were reaffirmed.

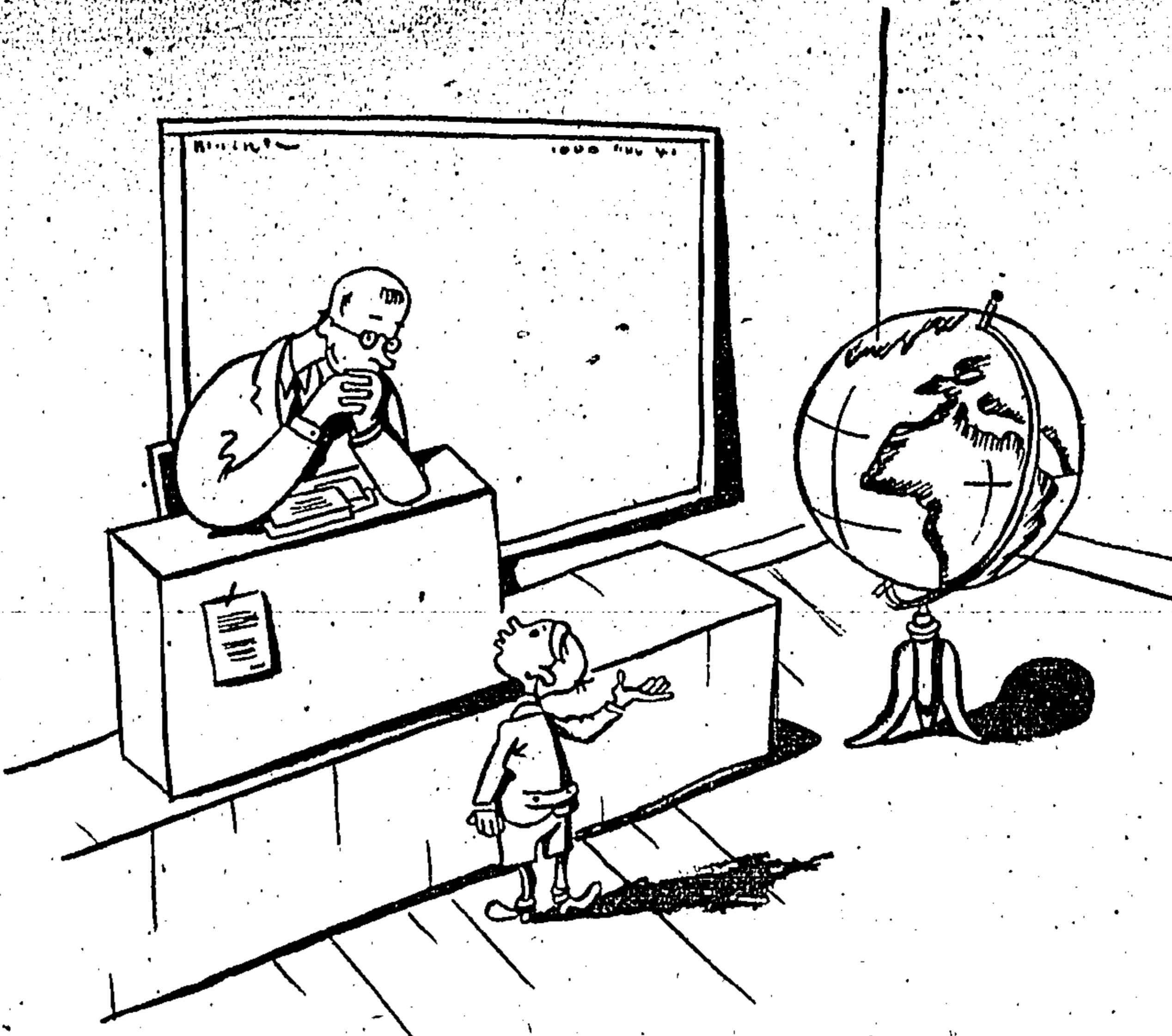
That Japanese native ideology is suffering an eclipse as war aims are blunted on the mainland of Asia is evidenced by the almost farcical collapse of the National Salvation Organisation. This body fell down on its programme of impulsively sweeping all industrial and private means together in one great effort to achieve the Imperial Way. The immediate aim, termination of the war in China or embarkation on the southward expansion, was not stated, but the prime initiators of the movement evidently had in mind a death or glory plan which was too desperate to appeal to the solid bloc of Japanese industrialists.

The N.S.A. still lives, shorn of many of its first fancies but the transformation has proved the existence of the powerful influence wielded by temperate and realistic elements. It is a sign, one hopes, that Tokyo is facing the future more soberly; there has certainly been less dash and fire in the pronouncements of her leading statesmen lately.

A radio commentary over the week-end suggested that Stalin, at Hitler's insistence, would sign a non-aggression pact with Japan for the cession of the whole of Sakhalin Island, a large part of Korea and a few other things

BLITZKRIEG OR BLITZCRASH?

By Billiken



"Now Tommy, what do you understand by the term Blitzkrieg?"

"It's a word invented by the Nazis, Sir, for sending planes to England to be shot down!"

STALIN'S FOREIGN POLICY IN 1940

Waiting For Something to Turn Up'

By

A. Masloff

The year 1940 was one of waiting in Stalin's foreign policy, in spite of the apparently great successes of the opening of the year. In the coming phase of the war, if only on account of Asiatic questions, the Russian factor may be of great importance; it is worth while, therefore, to consider the results of Russian foreign policy in 1940.

At the beginning of the year Russia was occupied with the concluding stages of her Finnish adventure, which had been an interruption in the Stalin policy of non-participation in the war and waiting for its outcome—in the expectation of a long and exhausting struggle in Europe—and of building up a third coalition, especially in Asia.

Since the end of 1939 Stalin had had to cut out both items of this policy: he had had to give up the idea of any rapid Asiatic coalition, whether in the Near East, where Turkey had simply declined to go his way, or in the Far East, where Japan's weakness and China's toughness were so great that while coquettishly with the idea of an understanding with Japan he was compelled to support Chiang Kai-shek; and so he was brought, whether he liked it or not, into a virtual coalition with Britain and the United States.

The Finnish adventure was brought to a close with a peace which had its contradictory elements. Diplomatically the

peace was a success for Stalin. Outward forms were preserved by the course of the war. Her economic course has thus been conservative rather than progressive. This is no paradox. To any careful observer it has sought only for an improvement of Russia's land frontier.

Militarily the war was a technical success for Russia, development to a critical point, since the supposedly impregnable Mannerheim Line had been breached; but from an historical and trading difficulties made and even a strategical point of their appearance. On the surface, it had been a defeat, face they were concerned with because—the true purpose of quality, but in reality it was not.

Stalin's whole Finnish adventure quality that was at issue but had simply been to profit by the fact that the country's belligerent coalitions to take big centrally and bureaucratically embarrassed of the two organised economic system was conquests on his own account and at last to reach the Atlantic Ocean.

In this aim he failed completely. Not Stalin but Hitler commands the Norwegian Atlantic coast, and Stalin's Finnish successes were insignificant of almost all goods produced is alongside those of Hitler in poor, the quantity is below the

Scandinavia. In the Balkans, while Stalin pursued a policy of slow and cautious efforts at penetration the Commissar for Agriculture (apart from the annexation of Bessarabia), trying to profit by "Pravda" which fully bears out the methods which had brought what has here been suggested, him success in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Rumania. He wrote in entirely general terms of "successes" in agriculture, but specified nothing, apart from a few extensions of the gained further ground in Bulgaria, and within the Russian Foreign Office the pro-German elements won the upper hand, causing Molotov's journey to Berlin. But Molotov's whole earlier by his commissariat said

attitude in Berlin was governed in the Kuban territory, one by the tragic results for Italy, of Russia's best wheat-producing and so for her "loyal" partner areas, sixteen (sixteen) out of Germany, of the Greek campaign, of several thousand collective farms established a "record" by the two days' journey from Moscow to Berlin the whole wheat per hectare (roughly purpose of this visit was changed 12 cwt. per acre). The comment by directions from Moscow—in of Russia's German friends, other words, from Stalin himself, whose Minister of Agriculture—but in any case the purpose of Darre, took the opportunity to the journey was only "tactical" + boost himself once more, appear Stalin meant to go on waiting, ed in a discreet comparison in

The zigzag policy and the press and wireless with the German efforts made in the Russian man average wheat yield—2,200 Foreign Office in the summer of kilograms a hectare. 1940 to discover "definitely". The official figures of production in the Russian engineering whether the German coalition was going to be victorious have industry talk at present of some evidently been broken off; their 15 to 16 per cent increase. It advocate, Dekanozov, was shifted to be seen what next for that very reason and sent month's conference will say, or to Berlin. Stalin is once more fail to say, about this.

Arithmetic Without Tears By John Craigie

CONSCIENTIOUSLY clearing my attic in accordance with Governmental instruction, I came across some well-thumbed school-books of an age long past.

I believe it is a matter for congratulation and pride in the teaching profession that educational methods are not as they were in earlier generations, that mental paludum for the young is now garnished and served up in much more attractive form than in former days.

But is this so? I gingerly opened one dust-covered volume on arithmetic, expecting it to contain the usual dismal collection of exercises, and was agreeably surprised to find that the subject was presented in a highly diverting way, and that in the process of working the sums the pupils must have gleaned a considerable amount of miscellaneous information. Much of this appeared to be useless, but perhaps not more so than some of the instruction given to-day. It was certainly a laudable effort at arithmetic without tears!

Paisley Economics

Here are one or two exercises which was published over a hundred years ago and was expressly "Designed for the use of young Ladies".

"Babbee.—This is a word used in the Northern counties, and particularly in Scotland, for a halfpenny. A multitude of women, and very many girls, are employed in the cotton works at Paisley. Many of the principal manufacturers, having considerable estates, have built elegant houses and several of them pay individually £600 sterling a week to their workpeople. Suppose there should be as many of these opulent manufacturers in Paisley as there are calendar months in the year, how many baubees would they all pay in that space of time to their respective workpeople? How many parcels, each containing as many baubees as there are degrees in the circumference of the earth at the equator, could be made up out of the entire number?"

For those who wish to check their effort; the answer is given as 149,760,000 baubees; 410,000 parcels.

Again, how many of us would solve this simple sum without consulting an appropriate work of reference?

"The Duke of Bedford, father to the virtuous Lord Russell, who fell an innocent victim to the intrigues of party, once offered a hundred thousand pounds to any person who could divide this sum into as many parts as there are zones of Muses and Graces in fabulous history."

A Strange Medley

It had never occurred to me that the exploits of highwaymen could be featured in arithmetic texts; I think a few exercises of the following type would have a marked appeal to the youth of to-day:

"One Nick, having committed a robbery at Rochester, in Kent, about in the night, and having himself been self-recommended by the party robbed, made for Gravesend, where he ferried over the Thames and rode to York with such speed that, as was attested by the chief magistrate at his trial, he appeared on the bowling-green in that city at 8 o'clock the same evening, which circumstance, so suddenly and solemnly vouches, exonerated his accuser. The jury, judging it to be impossible for the same horse to bear the same man so long a journey in 18 hours. The distance is computed at 21 miles; supposing his horse was to have rested on the road for the space of 2 hours, what was the average expedition of every other hour?"

And, in order that his pupils should have no false notion of the speed of horses, the author considerably adds:

"N.B.—One of the fleetest race-horses ever known was Chilbers, who ran 7420 yards, the space of one of the Newmarket horse-courses, in 7½ minutes; which is at the amazing rate of more than 33½ miles in an hour." And so, in those pre-crippling days, the young ladies picked up tips on "form" even from their school-books. As far as I am concerned, it is the only "arithmetic" that has ever provided me with any entertainment, and I have no qualms of conscience in giving it a reprieve from the salve dump.

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ONLY FOOD IN VICHY SHIPS

Convoy Incident

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—A Vichy communiqué denies that any materials other than food-stuffs were aboard the convoy which figured in the incident with British units off the Algerian coast.

The communiqué says that the cargoes consisted of 15,000 tons of rice and sugar, being sent from Madagascar and Indo-China for Algeria and Marseilles for next month's rations; 1,600 tons of vegetables and seeds from Morocco for the non-occupied zone; and 7,000 tons of barley from Morocco, intended for the native population of Algeria.

German Pressure

(By "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 31.—The Germans are playing up the incident off the Algerian coast between the French convoy of four merchantmen and British units. The British have excellent reasons for believing that the ships were laden with contraband, chiefly a big consignment of rubber.

The incident is unfortunate as the Vichy Government are acting under the inspiration of not pressure of the Germans. The rights of the British to enforce blockade are undisputed in international law and it was only by the exercise of great self-restraint that the British did not employ the power which was in their hands of using coercion against the blockade runners but the higher considerations of humanity prevailed despite the added provocation of hell-fire from the shore batteries and attacks from the air.

No Wish To Quarrel

Britain has obviously no wish to quarrel with Vichy or interfere with the legitimate traffic between non-occupied France and her colonies, but it is clear that Germany cannot be allowed to take advantage of British generosity and forbearance.

It is therefore to be expected that Britain's attitude in this and cognate questions will be repeated to Vichy in unmistakable language to remove the chances of repetition of such incidents. The British Government have known for some time that French vessels have been carrying goods destined for Germany. The most revealing was the programme for French railway transport drawn up by the Germans recently, covering January 15 to March 1, which fell into British hands.

One And Rubber

According to this programme, some 30,000 tons of bauxite, 10,000 tons of aluminium and thousands of tons of rubber were to be transferred from Unoccupied France to Germany. Absolute priority over other shipments was provided in the programme for some 200,000 tons of nitrate which had arrived in Unoccupied France from Chile.

The Free French newspaper, published in London, writes: "Frenchmen will realise, despite the efforts of the Vichy radio that Admiral Danel is playing the Germans' game. He is pushing collaboration with the Reich to as extreme limits as Laval would have done. If Danel is tied to Berlin, the French nation repudiates this outrageous attitude and remains faithful to the alliance with Britain, who is fighting for victory over the common enemy."

Civil Service Teams

The following will represent Civil Service C.C. in League Cricket matches on Saturday, April 4, at the Oval:

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2nd XI v. Kowloon C.C. (home).—H. F. Strange (Capt.), G. Alford, G. Bond, J. D. G. Lawrence, T. Lockhart, F. F. MacGowan, J. Mitchell, H. Parrott, N. L. Smith and A. Watson.

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was that a simultaneous examination could have been held.

Mr Forrest stated that it was his instructions that passports were to be examined first, and that if a simultaneous examination was held it would require a greater staff than he had.

The next witness called was Mr. J. M. da Rocha of Messrs J. M. da Rocha & Co, who said:

I am Honorary Consul for Costa Rica in Hongkong.

On January 8 last I wrote to the Immigration Officer submitting five applications for entry permits with my guarantee of the applicants' bona fides. On the 10th January I received the official receipt for the applications.

On January 20 not having heard anything from the Immigration Officer I went there and saw Mr. Weill, an Assistant Immigration Officer and presented the receipt.

After about an hour's search he informed me that he could not trace the applications.

I thereupon sent in my Consul's visiting card to Mr. Forrest and was then brought into his office. He asked me whether I was Consul "au courant" and I replied that I was Honorary Consul for Costa Rica. I then told him the facts and he asked me to make fresh applications and to cancel his receipt for the original ones. He further asked me in future to hand all applications to him personally.

A few days later I handed fresh applications to the Immigration Officer in person. He instructed a clerk to stamp them "urgent" and told me to call for them the following day. I did so and received the five entry permits.

On the February 18 I went to the Immigration Office to obtain a visa for my wife's passport as she wished to go urgently to Kungshau on M. V. "Cremer" which was sailing on the 22nd February. In addition I wished to obtain an entry permit for her Chinese nurse who was to accompany her. The matter was urgent as the object of the visit was to visit a nephew, Mr. Michael Duffy who was dangerously ill in Amoy Hospital.

Told To Get Out

I saw Mr. M. W. Lo go into Mr. Forrest's office—the door of which is not marked "private" and in fact there are a number of clerks working there—but on seeing me the Immigration Officer without enquiring the purpose of my visit, told me very roughly to "get out" and to see the Chinese clerk.

Accordingly I went to a Chinese clerk in the General Office, and although told him that my application was urgent and informed him of the fact that I was a Consul he insisted upon proof of the urgency and I had to produce a letter showing that the circumstances I had related above were facts. He then stated that he would treat the matter as urgent and that if I returned the next day the visa for my wife's passport would be ready, but that with regard to the Chinese entry permit, I must go to the General Agent at 3a Wyndham Street to whom he wrote a memorandum as to the urgency of the matter.

I then left and sent my clerk to see the General Agent; he was informed at the Agent's office that he would have to pay a fee of \$2 (being the statutory fee) and in addition \$1 for his, the General Agent's services in connection with the matter, and that he was to return the next day.

Refused To Pay

On the February 19 my clerk returned to Wyndham Street where he was told that the permit would not be available for at least seven days and accordingly, on my instructions, my clerk asked for and received back the application.

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How Italian Ships Were Led Into Trap

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ship's books were burning beneath the gun turret.

A gangplank was thrown across between the quarterdecks of the Poin and the Jervis and the surrendering Italians clambered aboard. Meanwhile the Poin was surrendering the remaining British destroyers were cruising round picking up survivors. The prisoners included an official naval war correspondent who is also an artist. He said he had already prepared a picture of British ships sinking but he tore it up when he found that it was Italian and not British ships that were being sunk.

Optical Instruments

An interesting point with regard to this action is that the British were able to pick out the Italian. In the darkness before they themselves were seen. A large measure of the success must be credited to the superiority of British optical instruments to the German instruments used by the Italians.

The ceaseless practice of the British fleet in night fighting also undoubtedly contributed to the signal victory. It seems probable that the Italians put to sea in an attempt to intercept British convoys.

Asked whether he thought the Italians put to sea under German control, Admiral Cunningham was of the opinion that they probably put to sea under German instigation.

U.S. LABOUR IS READY TO HELP

The United States Labour Movement is appreciative of our position, and is willing to co-operate fully, although naturally desirous of safeguarding its standards.

Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the T.U.C., gave this impression of his talks with American Labour leaders.

He has been attending the recent convention of the American Federation of Labour in New Orleans.

"Everyone I met was proud of the struggle that Britain is waging and deserves of helping," he declared.

"The purpose of my visit was to share with United States Labour leaders the experience of British trade unions in the war-time emergency in the hope that such knowledge would be useful to the Americans in solving their own problems. I am in no way trying to instruct American labour—I am simply trying to inform them of our experiences."

Fatal Accident

A man and his wife were knocked down on the Castle Peak road last night and fatally injured. They died early this morning at the Kowloon Hospital after sustaining serious injuries.

According to a police report, Wong Pui a bus driver was driving his bus along the Castle Peak road in the Shanshupu district, when Chan Yau (66) and his wife, Ho Par (68), who were crossing the road, were knocked down. They were taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

I then left and sent my clerk to see the General Agent; he was informed at the Agent's office that he would have to pay a fee of \$2 (being the statutory fee) and in addition \$1 for his, the General Agent's services in connection with the matter, and that he was to return the next day.

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Berlin-Belgrade Tension Mounts

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which, to-day, issued an order urging the people to evacuate their homes, and to disregard alarmist reports of foreign agents, spread for the purpose of causing confusion. There has been a sudden rush of many Belgrade residents into the interior of Serbia.

"Tourists" Leave

BELGRADE, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The German exodus from Belgrade continues. The German Minister, Herr Victor von Heeren, saw off 1,100 German civilians as they left here by a special Danube steamer last night.

The passengers included 100 of the notorious "tourists." These left in accordance with their landlords' saying: "We shall be back in a month." Most of them left their furniture here and are keeping on the tenancy of their Nazi-paid apartments.

At the request of the British Minister, Mr. Ronald Campbell, nearly all British women here left last night for Istanbul. A special train is taking the remaining Germans to Vienna.

The Italians have already disappeared.

Troops On Border

Precise reports in regard to German troops on the Yugo-Slav frontier are very difficult to confirm, but it is well-known that there are some mechanised units on the Austrian frontier and it is easy to send further concentrations from Western Rumania while the large number of railway lines radiating southwards from Budapest would enable the Germans to mass troops very quickly along the long flat Yugo-Slav frontier.

In the event of aggression the Yugo-Slav Army must be expected immediately to take up mountain positions as the flat frontier will be ideally suited to the German air and tank "blitz."

No Black-Out

The lights of Belgrade still blaze defiantly at night despite the fact that the city is merely a few minutes' flight from the nearest German air base in Rumania.

There has been no black-out in Belgrade since the crisis. Bucharest meanwhile, cowers under black-out conditions. This is typical of the difference of outlook of the two cities.

Irresponsible Actions

BELGRADE, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The departure from Yugo-Slavia of a number of German citizens is probably the result of some regrettable incidents due to irresponsible persons on the occasion of patriotic demonstrations of March 27 and 28.

A semi-official statement announcing this was issued here to-day, adding: "These incidents were deeply deplored and condemned both by the Government and public opinion generally."

"With regard to them, the Government calls on the population to remain calm in all circumstances and pay no attention to alarmist rumours. It is doing all in its power to dispel any suspicion regarding its desire to maintain good relations with its neighbours."

Ministerial Activity

VICHY, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav Minister in Berlin, Dr. Amtritch, has gone to Belgrade to inform his government of the effect which events in Yugo-Slavia have produced in Germany. It was announced in "La Suisse."

The Yugo-Slav Minister in Moscow, M. Gabrilovich, has gone to Ankara, according to the Budapest "Mayrap."

The newspaper adds, "M. Gabrilovich is carrying on very important conversations with the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Saratoglu. There is no doubt that he is personally best informed of the views of the Kremlin and Ankara."

Order of Day

BELGRADE, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—General Simovitch, the Yugo-Slav Prime Minister, has issued an Order of the Day, which was broadcast to the nation to-day.

The manifesto declared: "The interests of the country and nation demand that the people shall guard their own houses and if necessary even defend them at the cost of their lives for the sake of the Fatherland, the King and the nation. Our Army, Air Force and Navy are prepared to do their duty."

Death Of Strathroy At Valley Stables

One of the best-known Australian ponies in the Colony, Strathroy, collapsed in his stall on Sunday night and had to be destroyed.

Strathroy came to Hongkong as a yearling in 1938, and during his racing career he held the following records: Five furlongs carrying 103 lbs, 1.024; one mile carrying 103 lbs, 1.444; from the two-mile post one mile, 1.000; and in carrying 103 lbs, 1.000; mile and a quarter carrying 107 lbs, 1.006; mile and three-quarters carrying 100 lbs, 1.110.

It is interesting to note that in the Canberra Handicap (from the two-mile post since 1938) in October 1939, Strathroy, carrying 105 lbs, ran a dead-heat with Gympie Love, carrying 100 lbs, in 1.142, which was only 1.10 sec. more than Sapper's record time of 1.13 sec. established last Saturday. The only record which Strathroy has lost is the old mile, in which he beat Sapper, carrying 104 lbs, in 1.04 sec., which was beaten by Sapper, carrying 103 lbs, in 1.03 sec. on May 11 last. Sapper then established the record at 1.02 sec.

In all his triumphs, Strathroy was ridden by Mr. Donald Black, the champion jockey—an unbeatable combination.

Strathroy was owned by Mr. J. F. Macgregor.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Rain Again Spoils Week-end

Recreio Saved Against Indians: Local Interest Definitely On The Wane

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SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 12th, and Monday, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Eastern Beat Combd Manila Universities

MANILA, Mar. 31 (UPI).—The Eastern Football Club from Hongkong defeated the picked stars from the Letran and San Thomas Universities 4-2 in a football match to-day. Hau Ching-to scored two of the goals.

The Hongkong XI lead 2-0 at half-time, but the local team scored twice in quick succession in the early minutes of the second half, after which period the Chinese regained the superiority and went through on two more occasions to register goals.

Kotewall Cup Final On Saturday

The Kotewall Cup final between the Army and South China will be played on the Navy ground, Causeway Bay, at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds from the match will be devoted to charity.

time at the Valley—and Hunter's 34 not out was a valuable factor in their first victory.

Draw At K.C.C.

THE principle feature of the drawn game at K.C.C. was a bright innings of 64 by Ainslie made in three quarters of an hour.

Ainslie has shown much promise this season and has several excellent performances to his credit both with bat and ball. Unfortunately, he has a habit of interlarding these bright patches with a series of complete failures. It is a thing he will grow out of, given patience and plenty of practice.

The C.S.C.C. got to 123 which was not likely to have been good enough in the fine weather, but the rain saved them. All these unfinished matches have to be replayed, according to the rules. I wonder if they will be?

Club Game

THERE was the usual Army and Club friendly at H.K.C.C., Alec Pearce who skippered the Army side which included G. J. P. Carey and E. W. Pudney.

Thanks to one of Pearce's brilliant centuries against some not very strong bowling the Army ran up 186 for 6 declared. D. S. Robb's XI looked like collapse when the rain came.

ANOTHER WASH-OUT

THE R.A.O.C. played the I.R.C. second eleven and the game met the usual fate. Stotor, who does a great deal of secretarial work for Army cricket, retired with his score at 5, and in all the military side ran up 156 for 7 declared. I.R.C. had one for 31 when the game terminated.

A SCHOOL GAME

THE Cramengower second eleven play a good many school games, and on Saturday last they had quite a good game with St Joseph's College. They made 118 only, and it would have been a close thing as M. A. Wahab made 40, and the school had 65 for six wickets.

These games are excellent for our young cricketers while still at school and I take off my hat to the Clubs who organise them.

ARMY CRICKET

I SEE the Sappers pulled off the Army competition, unless I have entirely misread the book, but there seems to be a small final down for this week.

I only wish that I could slink out of my office to see a bit of the game between the A.A. and R.A.S.C. It will be interesting to see if the two Peacres come off for the A.A. as so often our better players fail when turning out for junior teams.

Pagh-Umetani Match Finally Brought To An End

Brilliant Badminton At Kowloon C.C.

M. P. Yoong Beats Hooi In Great Match

(By "Tinker")

Words seem so inadequate when required to describe a match such as that between M. P. Yoong and P. K. Hooi in the Badminton Championships at the Kowloon C.C. last night. Skill and unconquerable determination blended to make the game one which outshone most others ever played in the Colony.

In the two games that were completed, each was settled and Hooi lost only by the narrowest margin, while in the third game, Yoong was forced to retire for a short while owing to cramp in the stomach which was attended by a vomiting spell. This was actually the second game, after he had won the first, and he conceded it to Hooi when the score was 11-5 in Hooi's favour.

Results at a glance were:

SENIOR SINGLES
M. P. Yoong beat P. K. Hooi 17-14, 5-11, 17-15.

JUNIOR SINGLES
K. W. Choy beat W. Gillies 15-3, 15-1.

JUNIOR DOUBLES
J. Odell beat H. S. Jones 15-5, 15-12.

JUNIOR DOUBLES
T. S. Young and M. K. Fung beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 16-17, 15-7.

Brilliant Victory

THE YOUNG-HOOI match was the match of the evening. Yoong led 0-0 in the first game before Hooi commenced on his back-to-the-wall fight that was the outstanding feature of the whole match. Offsetting Yoong's control over the shuttle with accuracy that found the corners in several occasions, Hooi crept up to 9-3, 10-9, 11-8 and finally took the lead at 14-11.

Hooi settled at three, and with Yoong leading 2-0 service changed hands several times before the latter collected the winning point.

It was towards the end of this set that Yoong gave first signs of distress. In the second game he was obviously labouring under difficulty, and when Hooi was leading 10-5 had to request a minute's rest. He carried on again for one more strenuous point and then left the court. He was absent for more than five minutes and conceded the game to Hooi.

Yoong recovered quickly and Hooi again worked back again into 8-0 down. The score went 11-9, 11-10, 12-0, 13-10 and finally 14-11 in Yoong's favour.

Each point kept the large crowd of spectators on the edge of their seats, and, in fact, in the midst of one particularly thrilling rally they could not forbear to cheer while the shuttle was still in flight.

From 14-11, Hooi crept up 14-12, 14-13 and finally 14-all. Yoong settled at three, and at 1-all service changed hands four times before Yoong scored his two points with fine cross court shots.

K. W. Choy Supreme

ON last night's and previous exhibitions, there does not seem to be anyone in Hongkong who is likely to deprive K. W. Choy of the Colony Singles Championship. His opponent yesterday, W. Gillies, though a great player, was out-played in every department.

Choy's deceptive wrist work, his extremely powerful smashes and his amazing shuttle control go to the make-up of a badminton player that any Colony would be proud to acknowledge as its champion.

It might sound a little premature, but on form all indications are in that direction. Enthusiasts can nevertheless be most certain that the inter-games in the Senior Singles are going to be of a standard never seen before in Hongkong.

Referees' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association is to be held at 8 p.m. to-day. The speaker will be Mr. Wong Ka-kun, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association.

Pagh-Umetani Match Finally Brought To An End

Japanese Eliminated In Three Sets

(By "Tinker")

THOUGH at one time it appeared that the match was again going to be postponed, M. Pagh eventually eliminated O. Umetani in the Colony Singles Tennis Championship at the Hongkong C.C. yesterday in three sets. Scores were 4-6, 14-12, 6-3.

The crowd of spectators were thoroughly entertained with the standard which never dropped throughout the match. The ground was heavy and slippery, and shots were consequently difficult to make. In this, however, the odds were in favour of the Japanese who was far the lighter on his feet.

But the marathon second set should never have gone that distance. Decisions generally were doubtful, and though they were dispensed with cheerful impartiality, two in particular fell very heavily on Pagh in this second set. He won 14-12 which was just 14 games too many that were played.

The balls quickly discoloured and once again the umpire was in great difficulty, but with due respects to the linesmen concerned, I venture to say that it is impossible, especially in such a match and on ground as yesterday's, for the baseline judges to give decisions on sideline balls.

In the 12th game of the second set, with Umetani serving, the score was 15-10 when a palpable double-fault was allowed. Pagh was then leading 6-5 and should have won 7-5.

Again in the 20th game with Umetani again serving, there was a line decision given by the baselinesman against Pagh that made the players hesitate. The game eventually went to Umetani for that point made him 40-love, and though he lost two points he won the third.

However, the set went to Pagh.

Accurate Shots

THE condition of the court made tennis difficult, but both players were nevertheless in accurate form, and several shots on the deep backhand were first-class. Each was concentrating on the backhand, and in this Pagh lost several valuable points.

The Final Set

PAGH jumped into a 3-0 lead in the final set when he commenced to open out a little. He scored with some really fine angled shots to the backhand that completely beat the Japanese.

Umetani struggled and reached 3-4, but on his own service lost to give Pagh a 5-3 lead.

In the final game Pagh had two set points and served a "double" into the net for the first, but on the second Umetani failed with his backhand and hit the ball into the net.

Thus ended a match that was only completed on the third attempt at playing.

To-day's Tennis

The following are to-day's matches in the Open Tennis Championships:

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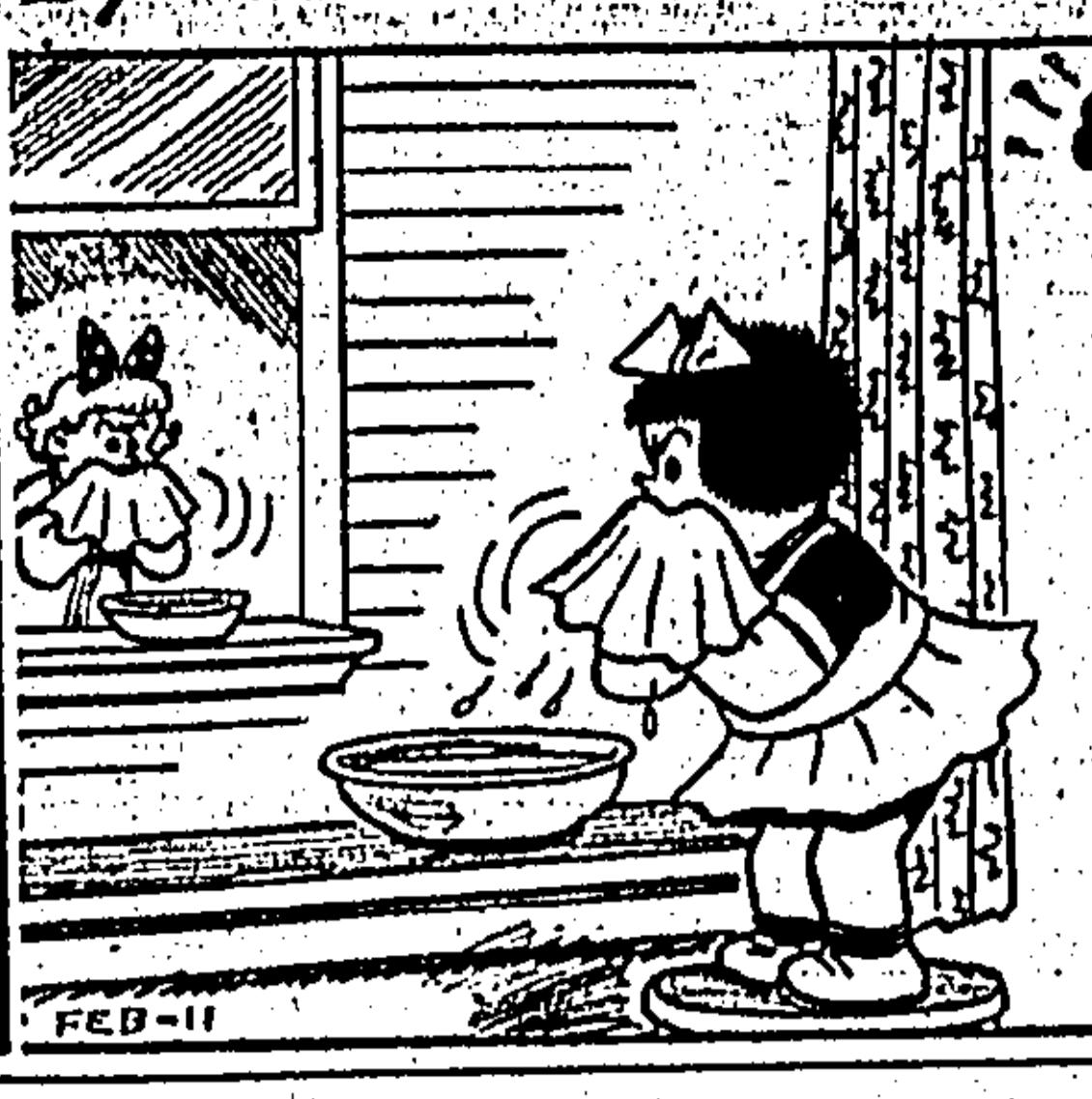
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SMASHING R.A.F. ATTACK

Nazi Battleships Hit

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Mar. 31 (UP).—The smashing attack against the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in Brest harbour last night is taken as an indication that Britain is determined that the two battleships shall not be allowed to put to sea again to menace shipping.

MATSUOKA IN ROME

Audience With Pope Arranged

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, who arrived in Rome to-day by special train, was met at the station by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and other members of the Italian Government, the Secretary of the Fascist Party and the German Ambassador.

Message To Ribbentrop

VICHY, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoka will meet Mussolini on Tuesday. He will lunch with King Victor. His audience with the Pope will take place on Wednesday, according to a Rome dispatch.

The German radio states that Mr. Matsuoka has sent a telegram to Herr von Ribbentrop, saying: "I am sure that the conversations which we had in such a friendly atmosphere in Germany will lead to a further strengthening of the bonds between the two countries and the creation of a new order in Europe and East Asia."

Chinese Kill A Rumour

Laokai Not Entered

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The military spokesman to-day ridiculed the Japanese rumours that Chinese troops had entered Laokai, declaring that the Japanese probably intended to occupy Laokai which is on the Annan-Yunnan border. He pointed out that the Japanese rumours of the Chinese entry into Burma and Indo-China was never borne out by facts.

War May Result From U.S. Ship Seizures

Special to the "Telegraph"

PORT EVERGLADES, Fla., Mar. 31 (UP).—Commenting on the seizure of Italian and German ships by the United States, Captain Giovanni Polonio of the Italian motor ship Leme, when interviewed at Portland, Oregon, said the United States action constituted an act of war, adding "war is likely to come as a result."

It is revealed that there was no sabotage damage aboard the German ship Arauca, but Punta Arenas reported that the Italian freighter of 6,072 and the German steamer Elsnoch of 4,177 tons, which took refuge there last year, were set on fire early this morning, and it is feared they may be a total loss.

Police boarded the vessels and arrested 106 members of the crews. Mexico City reports that eleven Italian and German ships which have been berthed at Mexican ports are believed to be preparing to flee. Numerous Italian ships are taking refuge at Tampico.

Despatches from Chilean reveal that Italy's first instant merchant

ALEXANDRIA, Mar. 31 (UP).—ESTIMATES FROM THE BRITISH WARSHIPS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN LAST FRIDAY'S NAVAL ACTION IN THE IONIAN SEA INDICATE THAT OVER 3,000 ITALIAN OFFICERS AND SEAMEN WERE LOST IN ADDITION TO THE 900 SURVIVORS WHO ARE NOW PRISONERS OF WAR. (AN "EXCHANGE TELEGRAPH" DESPATCH FROM ATHENS SAYS THAT THE SURVIVORS INCLUDE 35 GERMAN OFFICERS AND PETTY OFFICERS.)

An Italian battleship of the Littorio class was very severely damaged, while three heavy Italian cruisers and two destroyers were definitely sunk. In addition a six-inch gun cruiser and a third destroyer were possibly sunk, in what was probably the most decisive naval engagement since Trafalgar.

In the pitch blackness, 150 miles west of Crete, three enemy cruisers appeared off the British fleet's starboard bow. The flagship Warspite opened fire with a complete broadside from her 15-inch guns reducing the cruiser Fiume to a floating hell with the first salvo.

Between the battleships Warspite, Barham and Valiant—all firing earth-shaking salvos with their 15-inch guns—the other Italian ships met the fate of the Fiume after which the British destroyers raced in to finish the job with two torpedoes and at the same time sank two Italian destroyers.

All units of the British fleet returned to port without a single scratch or casualty. The entire action lasted over 12 hours. It is the first time since Jutland that battleships have been engaged in night action. It is fair to assume that the Italian navy no longer exists much more than in name only.

Fuller Details

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—Fuller details of the crushing defeat of the Italian Fleet in the Mediterranean, which crowned the greatest week of the war, bring the enemy's almost certain losses to seven warships—four cruisers and three destroyers—while a battleship of the Littorio class was seriously damaged by repeated pounding of Fleet Air Arm torpedoes.

With the return of the British fleet to Alexandria without a man hurt or a ship scratched, the full story is revealed of how the enemy force were lured to destruction by a British cruiser.

The Italians were taken completely by surprise when the 30,000-ton battleship Warspite, leading the battleships Barham and Valiant, began a chase lasting 12 hours and demolishing an enemy cruiser already hit by aerial torpedoes with salvos of broadsides, leaving destroyers to race in and finish the job.

Back in port, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, C-in-C Mediterranean, paid great tribute to the personnel of his Fleet for skillful manoeuvring and the Air Arm for the unrivaled efforts which, between them, contributed to the greatest naval victory of the war.

The first news of the Italian Fleet's activity was an air reconnaissance

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Italian Ships Led Into Trap

Thrilling Exploit

ALEXANDRIA, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—How the Italian warships were led into a trap is now revealed. The cruiser Orion (sister-ship of the Archille and Ajax of Graf Spee fame) contacted enemy ships and lured them towards the British battle fleet for about four hours until the enemy battleship, stated to be the 35,000-ton Vittorio Veneto, was damaged by the Fleet Air Arm.

After this, the Italians, scenting a trap in the Orion's tactics, about turned. When the enemy retired, the objective of the British light forces was to try and cut off the damaged enemy battleship which was then reported about 30 miles distant heading for Italy, listing and badly down by the stern.

The British light forces carried out a circling movement at full speed in order to place themselves ahead of the enemy despite the fact that the latter was much heavier and superior in force, but no contact was made and it was found that the cruiser Fiume and Zara, which had previously been accompanying the Vittorio Veneto, had returned to help the stricken cruiser, Pola.

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It is merely announced that the election set for April 9 and 10 has been postponed to a future date.

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It is also reported that such an agreement will hold good for two years.

ELECTIONS IN SHANGHAI

Agreement

SHANGHAI, Apr. 1 (Reuter).—The election of the Municipal Council is again postponed, the elections is believed to be connected with the current negotiations concerning the change in the number and representation on the Council.

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Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham

Yugo-Slavia Closes Her Frontier

Nazi Minister To Report To Berlin

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, Mar. 31 (UP).—It is reliably reported that Yugo-Slavia has closed her frontier with Rumania. The action is said to have been taken to-day.

The latest development in the Yugo-Slavia-Germany situation is the announcement by sources close to the German Legation that the Nazi Minister, Herr von Heeren, is leaving for Berlin to-night to report to Hitler.

Reliable sources term as "ridiculous" foreign reports that Germany has handed an ultimatum to Yugo-Slavia demanding that she demobilises. (A Budapest agency reported from Belgrade that Bulgaria was mobilising.)

An official communiqué has been issued regretting the recent incidents which involved German citizens. The announcement urges the populace to keep cool and to preserve the peace.

It was added that the Government was doing its utmost to retain good relations with its neighbours.

Tension Mounts
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Mar. 31 (UP).—Authorised circles in Berlin declared that the awaited statement regarding Yugo-Slavia

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Non-Aggression Pact Hinted

YUGO-SLAVIA AND REICH

Non-Aggression Pact Hinted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Mar. 31 (UP).—Usually well-informed sources stated to-day that the new Yugo-Slavian Government will probably offer Germany a non-aggression pact in view of the inacceptability to Britain of the Cvetkovich pact in its present form.

No Government declaration on its attitude to the tripartite pact is expected to-day, but only after a full dress Cabinet meeting which will probably take place on Thursday.

General opinion in political circles continues to be that the new Government will do its utmost to find a peaceable solution to the present situation, while at the same time rapidly taking all necessary measures to place Yugo-Slavia in a state of full preparation for any event.

Burma Railway

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—CHUNGKING, Mar. 31 (UP).—It is officially announced that Britain has agreed to provide funds to Burma for the extension of the railway from Lashio to the Yunnan border.

Axis Ships Slip Away To Secret Rendezvous

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—Rumours that Axis ships are gathering in mid-ocean for a convoy under the protection of German battle cruisers, are strengthening.

The vessels in question are the Italian freighters, Franco and Martelli from Recife, Brazil, and the Frisco from Fortaleza, Brazil, 24 hours after the departure of the German steamer Dresden from Santos.

The Franco Martelli and the Italian freighter, the Martelli, are believed to be bound for the South American port of Santos.

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Nawab Saw Taking Of Keren

KARACHI, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—Our boys were marvellous at Keren, where they eclipsed their own deeds at Sidi Barrani. India has every reason and every right to be proud of them," declared the Nawab of Bhopal to "Reuters" after his arrival from a tour of the Middle East where he visited Indian troops, including his own state forces.

The Nawab added: "I was very fortunate to be present at Keren when our troops stormed the town and that was my happiest day. Our boys at the front have been simply magnificent. They fought like lions. God bless them and preserve them. They are in the highest spirits, very fit and are very well looked after. I feel so proud of the Indian troops and so was the General Officer Commanding, General Platt."

Two Enemy Tankers Hit By Bombs

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Mar. 31 (UP).—The Admiralty to-day announced the British bombers this morning scored five direct hits on two enemy tankers off Le Havre, adding "both" vessels were seen to be afire and sinking."

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Gift Of Corvette

HYDERABAD, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—The Nizam of Hyderabad has offered £100,000 to the Viceroy to be placed at the disposal of the Admiralty to provide a corvette for immediate use in combating the submarine menace in the Atlantic.

Besides the Warspite, the battleships Barham and Valiant, and the destroyers Havock and Greyhound participated in the action.

FULL STORY OF GREATEST FIGHT

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report sent in on Thursday. It stated that an enemy force was returning eastward near the Padar, the southern tip of Sumatra.

With dramatic suddenness, the British Fleet sailed to contact the enemy.

Forces Sighted

On Friday morning, one battleship of the Littorio Class and a force of enemy cruisers were contacted by our light forces to the south of the western end of Crete while further air reconnaissances reported a second force, comprising two battleships, cruisers and destroyers, further north.

The Fleet, Air Arm and R.A.F. immediately attacked the former, seriously damaging the Littorio class battleship, reducing her speed considerably while several hits were also registered on the cruisers and destroyers.

While aircraft and light forces thus maintained contact with the enemy, who endeavoured to scatter and return to his base, the battleships followed up. They were able to make contact only as darkness fell, the chase towards the Italian shore having lasted about 12 hours and covered some 200 miles.

Warspite's Shattering Fire

The leading ship of the British battle fleet was the Warspite which opened fire with her 15-inch guns from a distance of just under two miles. The effect of the Warspite's fire was devastating. The enemy cruiser Flaminio lit up the surrounding sea by a violent burst of red flame extending from the foremost funnel to the after gun turret.

One observer said that the after turret itself was blown clean over the side.

While the ship was thus blazing, the Warspite pouted in a further broadside, causing a fresh outburst of flame. By now the entire battle fleet was in action, the whole scene being lit up by gunfire, blazing ships and searchlights.

Before the enemy had any chance to reply, a second cruiser, Zara, was burning fiercely when she received a broadside from the Warspite. A third cruiser, Pola, was likewise dealt with by the other British battleships, the whole action taking a matter of seconds.

Besides the Warspite, the battleships Barham and Valiant, and the destroyers Havock and Greyhound participated in the action.

"Well Done"

In his "Well Done" signal to the warships on their return to port, Admiral Cunningham said: "I am most grateful to all in the Fleet for their support on this as on all other occasions. The operations just concluded have given us no noticeable supremacy. The skillful handling of our cruisers and the untiring efforts of the Fleet Air Arm kept me well informed of the enemy movements and the well pressed home attacks of torpedo-bomber aircraft on the Littorio so reduced the speed of the enemy fleet that we were able to gain contact during the night and inflict heavy damage."

The devastating results of the battleships' gunfire are ample reward for months of patient training. This work was completed by the destroyers in the admirable way we have come to expect of them."

Vittorio Veneto Damaged

ALEXANDRIA, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—The enemy battleship damaged in the Mediterranean battle was the 35,000-ton Vittorio Veneto, of the Littorio class, states the captain of the sunken Italian cruiser Pola.

Cruiser Surrendered

ALEXANDRIA, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—The Italian cruiser Pola surrendered to the destroyer Jervis after she had been disabled by a torpedo-bomber aircraft which scored a direct hit in the engine room.

The Captain, 21 officers and 230 ratings were taken aboard the Jervis which then sank the Pola with a torpedo.

Italian Admission

ROME, Mar. 31 (UP).—To-day's war communiqué admitted that three cruisers and two destroyers were lost in the Mediterranean on March 20; however, it is claimed that the British lost heavily, although the exact nature of the losses cannot be ascertained.

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Yugo-Slavia Closes Her Frontier

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Yugoslavia's foreign policy, vis-à-vis the Axis, has been received. However, it was added that nothing is known as yet regarding Yugoslavia's attitude towards the Axis pact.

The same sources state that as a result of events in Yugoslavia, both Bulgaria and Hungary had been compelled to "take certain steps." This remark was not amplified or explained.

As a result of the anti-German demonstrations and the alleged beating-up of a German in Yugoslavia, the Reich Government has ordered the immediate departure of all Germans from Yugoslavia; they total between 10,000 and 20,000.

Referring to the alleged increasing anti-German demonstrations it was declared: "The German Government cannot remain 'indifferent'; our generosity must soon come to an end."

The afternoon newspapers carried front page despatches headlining the evacuation of Germans from Yugoslavia, said to have been "rescued after fearful experiences."

Premier's Exhortation

BELGRADE, Mar. 31 (UP).—The Yugoslav Premier, General Simovitch, to-day issued an order urging the people not to evacuate their homes, and to disregard alarmist reports of foreign agents, spread for the purpose of causing confusion. There has been a sudden rush of many Belgrade residents into the interior of Serbia.

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Incidents due to irresponsibility

BELGRADE, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—The German Minister, Herr Victor von Heeren, said on 1,100 German civilians as they left here by a special Danube steamer last night. The passengers included 100 of the notorious "tourists." These left messages with their landlords saying: "We shall be back in a month." Most of them left their furniture here and are keeping on the tenancy of their Nazi-paid apartments.

At the request of the British Minister, Mr. Ronald Campbell, nearly all British women here left last night for Istanbul. A special train to-night is taking the remaining Germans to Vienna.

The Italians have already disappeared.

Troops On Border

VICHY, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—The Yugoslav Minister in Berlin, Dr. Amritsch, has gone to Belgrade to inform his government of the effect which events in Yugoslavia have produced in Germany. It was announced in "La Suisse."

The Yugoslav Minister in Moscow, M. Gabrilovich, has gone to Ankara, according to the Budapest "Magyar."

The newspaper adds, "M. Gabrilovich is carrying on very important conversations with the Turkish Foreign Minister M. Saragoglu. There is no doubt that he is personally best informed of the views of the Kremlin and Ankara."

Order of Day

BELGRADE, Mar. 31 (Reuters).—General Simovitch, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, has issued an Order of the Day which was broadcast to the nation to-day.

The manifesto declared: "The interests of the country and nation demand that the people shall guard their own houses and if necessary even defend them at the cost of their lives for the sake of the Fatherland, the King and the nation. Our Army, Air Force and Navy are prepared to do their duty."

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9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

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9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".

10.15 Dance Music.

11.00 Close Down.

Baltic Press
Rejoices

Yugo-Slavian Revolt

HELSINKI, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The "Helsingfors Arbetsbladet" comments: "One can understand that Ribbentrop is not entirely pleased with the new brother, Yugo-Slavia. He wanted to show his Japanese colleague a newly-organised Europe, all complete with Yugo-Slavia as a fresh and extra cake on the tray. Suddenly it appears that the pastry was an explosive and delicate cake and it goes up in smoke with a light pop. It is not at all pleasant to be compelled to invite people to this kind of delicacy."

The military critic of the "Helsingfors" says: "This is Germany's first diplomatic loss if one excludes the French and British declarations of war. If the war extends to the Balkans, Germany will lose one of the best suppliers of food and another important oil route from Russia will be cut off."

Loss of Oil And Ore

Germany also will not receive copper, bauxite, antimony, rock oil, salt, coal, lignite, iron ore, manganese, gold, lead, mercury and asphalt. Almost all these products are vital to her war industry and supplies of them have been extremely important for Germany.

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The "Helsingfors" expects that a front will be formed in the mountains where conditions are favourable for the Yugo-Slavs, and that the Greek position will be improved and the Italians will be compelled to withdraw hurriedly from Albania.

The "Stockholm Dagstidneter" says that it will be understandable if Germany reproaches those who organised such an inappropriate accompaniment to Mr. Matsukata's Berlin visit which was intended to be so festive.

Ethiopia Before Rains

The "Stockholm Dagstidneter" points out that two capitals—Asmara and Addis Ababa—are now threatened and that Italian resources in Abyssinia are being exhausted.

The British can now entertain high hopes of completing the East African campaign before the rains. They can then release forces for important operations in Libya and the Balkans.

The "New York Mirror" on March 28 said: "Yugo-Slavia has suffered the first solid blow to Hitler's prestige which has not suffered since he militarised the Rhineland in 1936 with the exception of his failure to attempt the invasion of England. That's important, because Hitler has won many battles through his prestige, fear, strategy and terror. For the first time the objective which Hitler had openly set himself and which he believed had achieved has been denied him."

Nazi Might Flouted

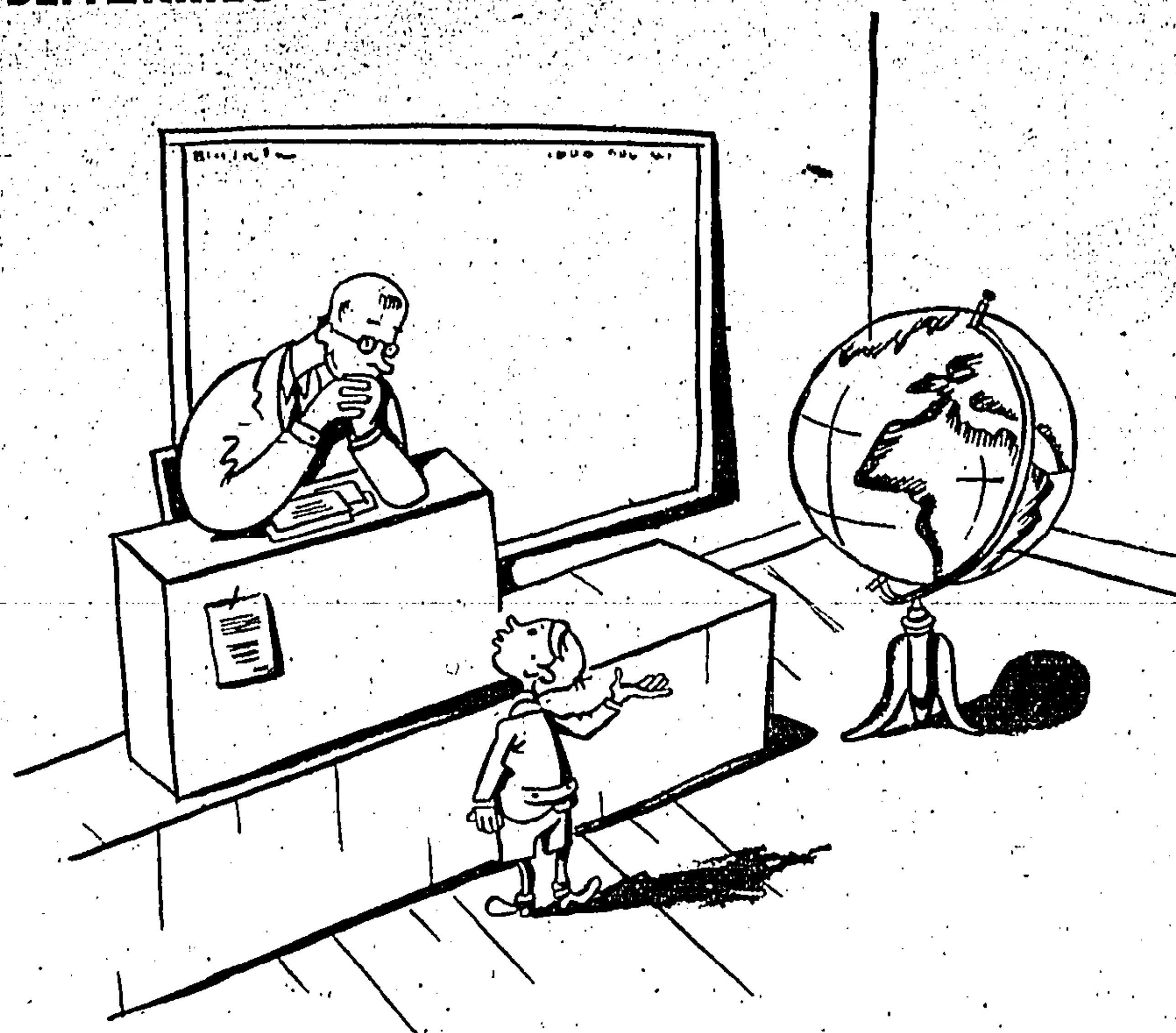
Instead of a spectacle of one more country accepting the Nazi yoke, the Japanese Foreign Minister has seen a small and comparatively weak country flout the German might."

The "New York Sun" on March 23 said: "Nobody who remembers the fighting spirit of the Serbs in the last war will be astonished that they refused to honour the shameful surrender of their government at Vienna. Small peoples everywhere will take new courage. The Nazis will feel the power of this act of defiance not only in Yugo-Slavia, but in all oppressed territories from the Mediterranean to the Arctic."

tion in which, "If we achieve steady progress, I believe the present economic crisis will be solved."

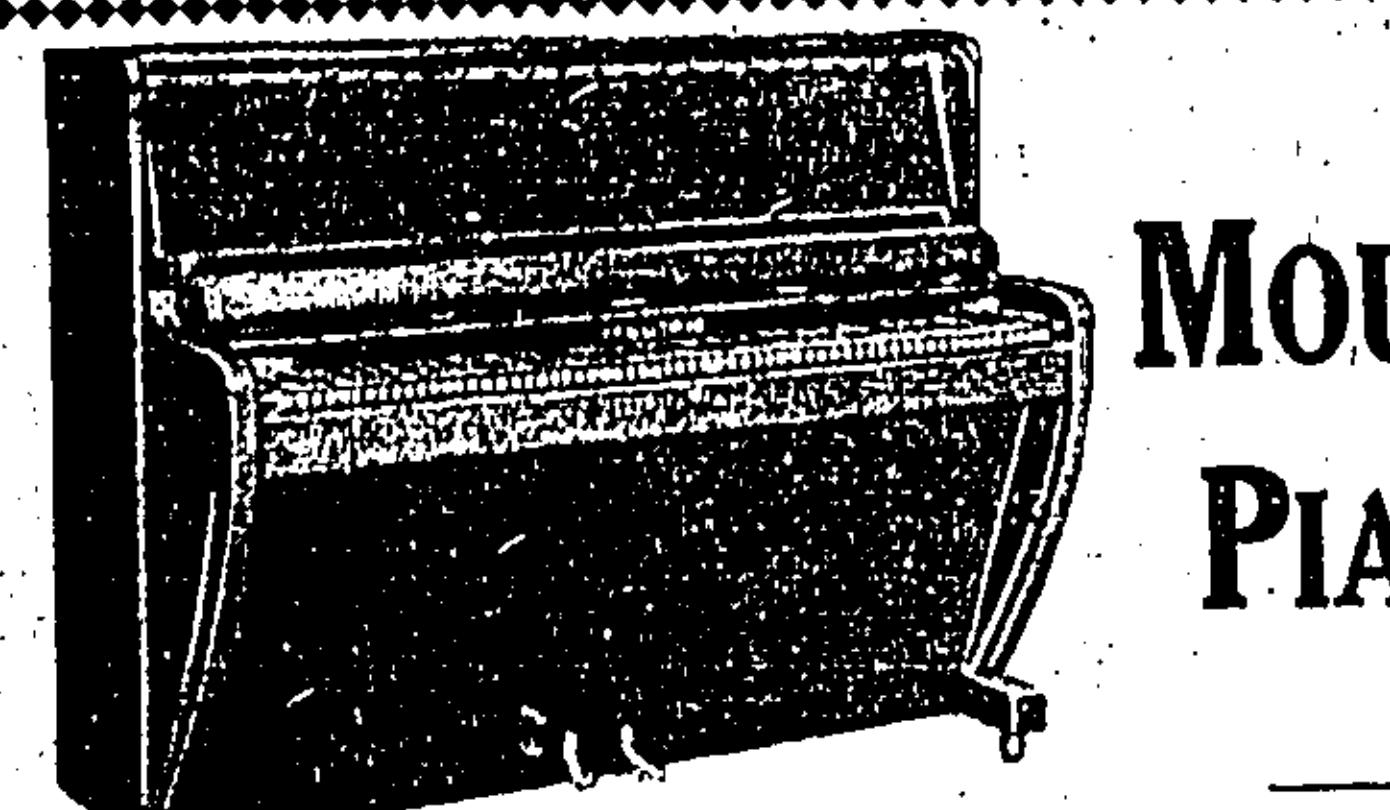
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PAUSE TO PONDER

THE programme of Mr. Matsukata's tour of Axis Europe has been admirably punctuated by Britain and her Allies and friends. He arrived in a gaily-flagged Berlin-as-King-Peter-overthrew the pro-Axis Government of Yugo-Slavia, and is now visiting Mussolini as the victorious British stream into Abyssinia from all sides and the sound of the Royal Navy's guns sound a burial roll for five more Italian warships.

The Japanese Foreign Minister could have arrived at no worse moment from Hitler's point of view. The Japanese are realists; their ideological support of the "New Order" has never submerged their practical ambitions. Recently the Premier's words that Japan could never become a totalitarian nation were reaffirmed.

That Japanese native ideology is suffering an eclipse as war aims are blunted on the mainland of Asia is evidenced by the almost farcical collapse of the National Salvation Organisation. This body fell down on its programme of impulsively sweeping all industrial and private means together in one great effort to achieve the Imperial Way. The immediate aim, termination of the war in China or embarkation on the southward expansion, was not stated, but the prime initiators of the movement evidently had in mind a death or glory plan which was too desperate to appeal to the solid bloc of Japanese industrialists.

The N.S.A. still lives, shorn of many of its first fancies but the transformation has proved the existence of the powerful influence wielded by temperate and realistic elements. It is significant one hopes, that Tokyo is facing the future more soberly; there has certainly been less dash and fire in the pronouncements of her leading statesmen lately.

A radio commentary over the weekend suggested that Stalin, at Hitler's insistence, would sign a non-aggression pact with Japan for the cession of the whole of Sakhalin Island, a large part of Korea and a few other things

ALBANIA

Initiative Again
In Greek Hands

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter).

The lull on the Albanian front which followed the Italians' disastrous offensive attempt has been broken by the Greeks again taking the initiative.

Yesterday several small detachments entered the Italian lines at various points, stated the Athens radio, inflicting losses, taking prisoners and seizing many machine-guns.

Greek artillery was also active against moving columns but Italian artillery response was weak.

Greek aircraft co-operated, the announcer added, inflicting severe losses while attacking important targets without, however, any losses to themselves.

Springboks In
Diredawa

Tripoli Again Raided

CAIRO, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—The advance towards Asmara in Eritrea continues, states an official communiqué here.

The occupation of Diredawa in Abyssinia was carried out by South African troops who are now advancing westward.

A forward movement is developing in other sections.

The number of prisoners is steadily mounting while the guns and war materials abandoned by the retreating enemy are being collected in large quantities.

Aerial Support of Army

CAIRO, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—Another heavy raid on Tripoli was made to-day in continuance of the R.A.F. support of the army operations in Abyssinia and elsewhere.

R.A.F. bombers to-day bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions.

All our aircraft returned safely from these operations.

Luftwaffe Busy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 31 (UP).—German raiders have been busier over east England than for some time past, crossing the coast since shortly after dark. They are meeting with a hot reception with searchlights lighting up the sky. Incendiary bombs have been dropped on some areas.

Century-Old Cotton
Exchange Suspended

LIVERPOOL, Mar. 31 (UP).—Trading at the century-old Liverpool Cotton Association Exchange was suspended at noon to-day for the duration of the war as a result of the recent decision of the Government to take over the control of all raw cotton imports and cotton stocks in the United Kingdom.

enabling Japan to use her best troops from the northern borders for service elsewhere.

Opinion is more inclined to the view that Japan will hold all she has in the north and will postpone any ambitions she has in the south until the war in Europe has taken a definite turn.

To realistic Japan, Britain and the naval and military successes, and her dour resistance to air bombing must mean a great deal. It will be surprising if Hitler has wrung from Mr. Matsukata anything more potent than anti-British gesture.

A radio commentary over the weekend suggested that Stalin, at Hitler's insistence, would sign a non-aggression pact with Japan for the cession of the whole of Sakhalin Island, a large part of Korea and a few other things

enabling Japan to use her best troops from the northern borders for service elsewhere.

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Cause For Optimism

"In view of this fact," General Chiang further said, "although mill-

DANISH SHIPS
SEIZED

New Action Taken by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has indicated that he personally ordered the seizure of Italian, German and Danish ships at American ports during the week-end.

This was revealed at a press conference on the train taking him back to Washington, but he declined to comment.

The seized ships totalled 266,715 tons, it was announced by the Coast Guard service here.

Cordell Hull

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State

defended the Government's action in seizing German, Italian and Danish ships at a press conference to-day.

He said that he would not talk at present about the final disposition of the ships.

He had not heard anyone question the absolute legality of the seizure and emphasised that justification for it was based on the fact that attempted sabotage in the ships endangered American ports.

Asked whether the seizure could be construed as a step towards war, Mr. Hull replied that the United States Government had for sometime pursued a course of aid to Britain and other nations under the formula of all available aid short of war.

"That is the formula followed so far," he added.

French Ships

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (Reuter).

General Chiang laid great stress on the fact that there is cause for optimism we must not allow any laxity in our efforts and must never become self-satisfied just because we have held the enemy back in this war of attrition."

"Here we call upon the C.E.C. and C.S.C. members to pay as much attention to the institution of economic measures henceforth as they did towards military affairs three years ago."

General Chiang laid special emphasis on strengthening China's economic staying power.

"At present the general public opinion, generally speaking, is unduly apprehensive over China's economic problems. According to my observation, China's economic position really does not give much cause for alarm.

The only question that should worry us is whether we can undergo the hardships of the struggle and whether we can embark upon the phase of positive reconstruction."

Critical Month Past

"United Press" adds that General Chiang asserted the Kuomintang was different from the Nazi, Fascist and Communist Parties since "we are still in the revolutionary period," and therefore the Kuomintang must re-

live its revolutionary spirit as well as its fundamental social reconstruc-

tion in which, "If we achieve steady progress, I believe the present economic crisis will be solved."

Ho declared that the last four months of 1940 had been the most critical for China since the war began and that the turning point had been reached last December and there had been a steady improvement ever since.

CONSUL ALLEGES INCIVILITY BY IMMIGRATION DEPT. OFFICIALS THIS MORNING'S PUBLIC INQUIRY EVIDENCE

Alleged incivility on the part of Mr R. A. D. Forrest, the Immigration Officer, was the complaint levelled by Mr J. M. da Rocha, honorary Consul for Costa Rica, when he testified this morning at the public inquiry into the Immigration Department. Mr da Rocha declared that on one occasion when he entered Mr Forrest's office, the Immigration Officer told him to "get out". Mr da Rocha later said, when questioned by Mr Forrest, that as a Consul, he did not expect priority treatment but he did expect consideration.

Dr S. N. Chau was another witness this morning, when he complained that time was unnecessarily wasted in making the immigration examinations on board ships.

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor again presided, the other members of the Commission being Mr D. Drummond, Mr C. Bernard Brown, Mr H. K. Woo, and Mr K. M. A. Barnett, the secretary.

Dr S. N. Chau said:

I am Justice of the Peace and I possess a certificate of residence issued by the Immigration Office. On Monday 10th March I returned to Hongkong from Macao by the ss "Kin Shan" and other passengers in possession of similar certificates proceeded to the gangway but we were told by a Chinese Immigration Officer that we would not be permitted to disembark until all those passengers who had passports had landed. I and others with me had accordingly to wait for at least 20 minutes whilst those with passports left the ship.

The examination of the passports was done by a European Immigration Officer in the saloon and when I was allowed to land my certificate was examined by the Chinese Immigration Officer at the gangway, so that it would have been quite possible for persons with certificates such as mine to have disembarked at the same time as those with passports.

Questioned by Mr Forrest, Dr Chau stated that he had been given to understand by Sir Robert Kotewall that no distinction was made between passports and entry permits in such a case. His sole complaint was that a simultaneous examination could have been held.

Mr Forrest stated that it was his instructions that passports were to be examined first, and that if a simultaneous examination was held, he would require a greater staff than he had.

The next witness called was Mr J. M. da Rocha of Messrs J. M. da Rocha & Co., who said:

I am Honorary Consul for Costa Rica in Hongkong.

On January 8 last I wrote to the Immigration Officer, submitting five applications for entry permits with my guarantee of the applicants' bona fides. On the 10th January I received the official receipt for the applications. On January 20 not having heard anything from the Immigration Officer I went back to the Immigration Officer and presented the receipt. After about an hour's search he informed me that he could not trace the applications. I therefore sent in my Consul's visiting card to Mr Forrest and was then brought into his office. He asked me whether I was Consul "au courant" and I replied that I was Honorary Consul for Costa Rica. I then told him the facts and he asked me to make fresh applications and to cancel his receipt for the original ones. He further asked me in future to hand all applications to him personally.

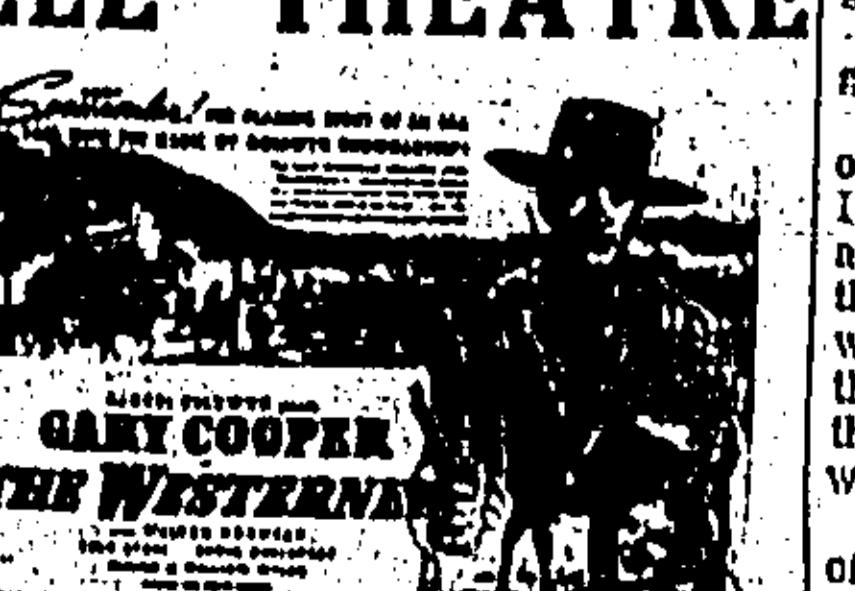
DIET FOR FINICKY CHILDREN

It isn't always naughtiness that makes children go off their food. It is more often "Nervousness," tired digestion and the need for the stimulus of a new, palatable easily digested food.

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LEE THEATRE



COMING SOON!

I am surprised because we are continually short of chums. You know

Rocha said that he (Mr Chen) had certainly been very courteous to him.

Photographers' Guild

Mr Wong Tong, Commissioner of Overseas Affairs in the Chinese National Government, and Chairman of the Photographers' Guild, submitted a letter to the Commission inquiring on what authority the Immigration Officer put up a notice, which was published in the Chinese Press on Friday 20, to the effect that his qualifications to guarantee applications for permits had been cancelled. He also asked what right the Immigration Officer had to say that he was not a fit and proper person to guarantee applications.

Mr Wong's second complaint was against the granting of exclusive rights, so far as photographs for Immigration permits were concerned, to the General Agent. He said that public feelings were excited and highly indignant in this action and that, following a meeting of the Guild, a letter was sent to the Immigration Officer on January 16, asking why Mr Kobza should be appointed General Agent and why other agencies were cancelled. No reply to this letter was received.

Indignant Public

Mr Forrest (to Mr Wong): You have told the Commission that the public was very excited and indignant about the alleged grant of a monopoly to Mr Kobza?—Yes.

Would you yourself have any part in exciting the public and making them indignant?—No.

May I refer you to an article which appeared in various Chinese newspapers on January 20, one day after the signature of the agreement between the General Agent and myself and which bears your signature? Did you write that article?—That was the letter I sent to the Chinese Council Members as Chairman of the Guild after we had held a meeting.

And did you consider that the charges you made there about Mr Kobza were sufficient to excite the population?—The granting of a General Agency to Mr Kobza affected all the studios, and we had to defend them.

Article in Press

That may be so, but the effect of your article was sufficient to excite the populace. Do you agree?—We tried our best to bear the consequences of the grant but as we could not, we decided to write the letter.

You say here that if this General Agency plan was adopted, the product would be coarse due to lack of preparation?—That was a letter to the Chinese Representatives and not an article to the Press.

The Chairman: Who sent it to the Chinese papers?—I don't know.

Mr Forrest: Were you ever aware that the appearance of this article was the subject of a communication from Mr Kobza's solicitors to the newspapers which printed it?—I was not aware.

Was the phrase "As to who is behind the scenes, this can be imagined" part of your article?—Yes.

And you still do not consider your article was sufficient to inflame the passions of the public?—Had there been a reply to our letter of January 16, no such letter would have appeared.

As we got no reply, we got in touch with the Chinese Representatives and we were asked to send a letter.

Black Listed

You discovered that your name was on my black-list as one of the persons whose guarantees I shall not in future accept?—Why was I black-listed?

When you discovered that, what action did you take?—I did nothing.

You didn't for instance, appeal to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, go to your solicitors, approach the Chinese Members or consult the Chamber of Commerce?—No.

You did not write to me officially asking me to remove your name from that list?—We sent a letter on January 16 and did not receive a reply.

You had been to my office personally before you had been black-listed?—Yes, once. It was because an applicant could not get his permit for more than two months.

At any time, did you have any conversation with any of my Chinese staff in my office, apart from the question of this permit?—No.

Did you ever talk to any of my staff on the question of photographs in the Immigration Office?—No.

Did you suggest, at any time, that you would be a good man to be General Agent?—No.

Did you ever, at any time, offer to any member of my staff a bribe?

The Chairman: You need not answer that if you do not desire to do so.

Mr Wong answered Mr Forrest in the negative.

Mr Brown: Were you black-listed before or after January 10?

This concluded the questioning of Mr Wong and Mr Forrest then handed to the Chairman a list of figures which he said were extracted from a cash book in his office with reference to Mr Pudney's answers at the last hearing. The figures showed that over a certain period of February and March, the daily turnover of cash averaged \$24,218.

Paper's Use of Name

Before adjourning the Inquiry since the Chairman said: "It has come to my notice that one of the European papers in the Colony, in reporting the proceedings on March 20 when Mr Forrest put to Mr Pudney certain cases in the Post Office, where an unsecured officer had been allowed to handle a considerable sum of money, published the name of that officer in question. It is true that the

name was mentioned during the hearing, and therefore the paper in question was technically within its rights in giving an accurate and full report by mentioning the name. I can only say that while it is not part of the business of this Commission to consider the action of that officer was right or wrong, or whether he was at all important, I do deplore the use of names and the introduction of personalities like that. It would be much better to refrain from personalities and refer to persons in impersonal ways.

Mr Forrest: I beg to tender my apologies for mentioning the name at the hearing.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, says: Business was reported in Government 3½% Loan, all the Insurance shares, Docks, Providents and Cements, and the demand continues. Other stocks are enquired for without resulting in business.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,310

Dock of East Asia \$70

Union Ins. \$430

Indo-Chinas (Pref) \$80

Wharves X.D. \$85

Docks X.D. \$15,05

Providents \$5,30

Hotels \$3,15

Lands \$32,25

Humphreys \$6,70

Realities \$3

Trans \$16,40

Yau Ma Tei Ferries \$23,75

Lights "O" \$6,20

Lights "N" \$1,75

Electrics C. Rls \$39,50

Telephones X.D. "O" \$23,25

Telephones X.D. "N" \$9

Cements \$17,50

Ropes \$7,20

Watsons X.D. \$9,70

Entertainments X.D. \$0,30

Sellers

Docks X.D. \$15,75

Providents \$5,35

Sales

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934) \$4,50

Canton Ins. \$223

Union Ins. \$432,50

HK. Fire Ins. \$186

Docks X.D. \$15,70

Providents \$5,30

Cements \$17,75

STOCK EXCHANGE

Cheerful Tendency

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day there was a cheerful tendency on the naval success in the Mediterranean but the price movements were small though the market was generally firm.

There was fair support for gilt-edged securities which closed slightly higher, though a trifle below the best on profit-taking.

The demand for industrials broadened while home rolls and Kaffirs met some demand.

Greeks and Japanese bonds were higher among the foreign issues. Wall Street was quietly firm.

Fatal Accident

A man and his wife were knocked down on the Castle Peak road last night and fatally injured. They died early this morning at the Kowloon Hospital after sustaining serious injuries.

According to a police report, Wong Put a bus driver was driving his bus along the Castle Peak road in the Shanshui po district, when Chan Yau (60) and his wife, Ho Par (60), who were crossing the road, were knocked down. They were taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Rain Again Spoils Week-end

Recreio Saved Against Indians: Local Interest Definitely On The Wane

THE CRICKET SEASON was yet further ruined by the weather on Saturday last when, after light rain about four, there was a perfect deluge about five o'clock. Apart from the Police and University in the Junior League where the former team made such short work of their opponents that they got the match over before being flooded out there was nothing doing.

There seems to me no earthly chance of finishing the First Division programme and I strongly recommend those interested to scrap all programmes and play off K.C.C. v. Civil Service on the first fine Saturday.

I went along to deal with the C.S.C.C. v. Varsity match at the Valley only to find it had been cancelled.

There is something pretty rotten in the cricket out here at present and unless more enthusiasm is shown I don't know what is going to happen to the game. I admit the weather difficulties but it is more than that.

I AM inclined to think that the Recreio with a somewhat depleted team might quite probably have been beaten on Saturday last but for the rain. The conditions were never good and the I.R.C. had to struggle for runs.

Had Ozorio, who bowled excellently, been able to get good support from the other end, a very different story might have been told, but the I.R.C. batsmen hung on and six of them got double figures. K. M. Rumjohn heading the list with 25 runs.

The total of 116 was very modest and, had Eddie Gosano been there to bowl opposite Ozorio, (they are a splendid contrast), I think it would have been very much smaller.

The Recreio started poorly but rain intervened. They suffer from the fact that both Jerry and Zinho Gosano have been on the injured list, and I am afraid that they are tending rather towards that multiplicity of games which has spoilt many a promising young player here.

League Match Finished

THE Police showed a flash of their last year's form when they beat the University second eleven, which had been obliged to include one or two of fairly regular first eleven players.

Apart from Matthews (20) and T. T. Chin (14) the highest score was 3, and they were all out for 50. White took 4 for 35 and Carey 4 for 18.

The Police had time to hit on the runs before the deluge burst—one of the heaviest I have seen for some

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 12th, and Monday, 14th April, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Pagh-Umetani Match Finally Brought To An End

Brilliant Badminton At Kowloon C.C.

M. P. Yoong Beats Hooi In Great Match

(By "Tinker")

Words seem so inadequate when required to describe a match such as that between M. P. Yoong and P. K. Hooi in the Badminton Championships at the Kowloon C.C. last night. Skill and unconquerable determination blended to make the game one which outshone most others ever played in the Colony.

In the two games that were completed, each was settled and Hooi lost only by the narrowest margin, while in the third game, Yoong was forced to retire for a short while owing to cramp in the stomach which was attended by a vomiting spell. This was actually the second game, after he had won the first, and he conceded it to Hooi when the score was 11-5 in Hooi's favour.

Results at a glance were:

SENIOR SINGLES
M. P. Yoong beat P. K. Hooi 17-14, 5-11, 17-15.

K. W. Choy beat W. Gillies 15-3, 15-1.

JUNIOR SINGLES
J. Odell beat H. S. Jones 15-5, 15-12.

J. L. Anderson beat E. Zimmern 15-0, 15-7.

JUNIOR DOUBLES
T. S. Young and M. K. Fung beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 18-17, 15-7.

Brilliant Victory

THE YOONG-HOOI match was the match of the evening. Yoong led 9-0 in the first game before Hooi commenced on his back-to-the-wall fight that was the outstanding feature of the whole match. Offsetting Yoong's control over the shuttle with accuracy that found the corners in several occasions, Hooi crept up to 4-3, 10-8, 11-8 and finally took the lead at 14-11.

Hooi settled at three, and with Yoong leading 2-0 service changed hands several times before the latter collected the winning point.

It was towards the end of this set that Yoong gave first signs of distress. In the second game he was obviously labouring under difficulty, and when Hooi was leading 10-5 had to request a minute's rest. He carried on again for one more strenuous point and then left the court. He was absent for more than five minutes and conceded the game to Hooi.

Ainslie has shown much promise this season and has several excellent performances to his credit both with bat and ball. Unfortunately, he has a habit of interlarding these bright patches with a series of complete failures. It is a thing he will grow out of, given patience and plenty of practice.

The C.S.C.C. got to 123 which was not likely to have been good enough in fine weather, but the rain saved them. All these unfinished matches have to be replayed, according to the rules. I wonder if they will be?

Club Game

THERE was the usual Army and Club friendly at H.K.C.C. Alec Pearce who skippered the Army side which included G. J. P. Carey and E. W. Pudney.

Thanks to one of Pearce's brilliant centuries against some not very strong bowling the Army ran up 186 for 5 declared. D. S. Robb's XI looked like collapse when the rain came.

ANOTHER WASH-OUT

THE R.A.O.C. played the I.R.C. second eleven and the game met the usual fate. Stomor, who does a great deal of secretarial work for Army cricket, retired with his score at 54, and in all the military side run up 160 for 7 declared. I.R.C. had one for 31 when the game terminated.

A SCHOOL GAME

THE Craigmengowar second eleven play a good many school games and on Saturday last they had quite a good game with St. Joseph's College.

They made 118 only, and it would have been a close thing as M. A. Wahab made 46, and the school had 85 for six wickets.

These games are excellent for our young cricketers while still at school, and I take off my hat to the Clubs who organise them.

ARMY CRICKET

I SEE that the Sappers pulled off the Army competition, unless I have entirely misread the book, but there seems to be a small Umpire final down for this week.

I only wish that I could sit out of my office to see a bit of the game between the A.A. and R.A.S.C.

It will be interesting to see if the two Peagues come off for the A.A. as to when our better players fall when turning out for junior teams.

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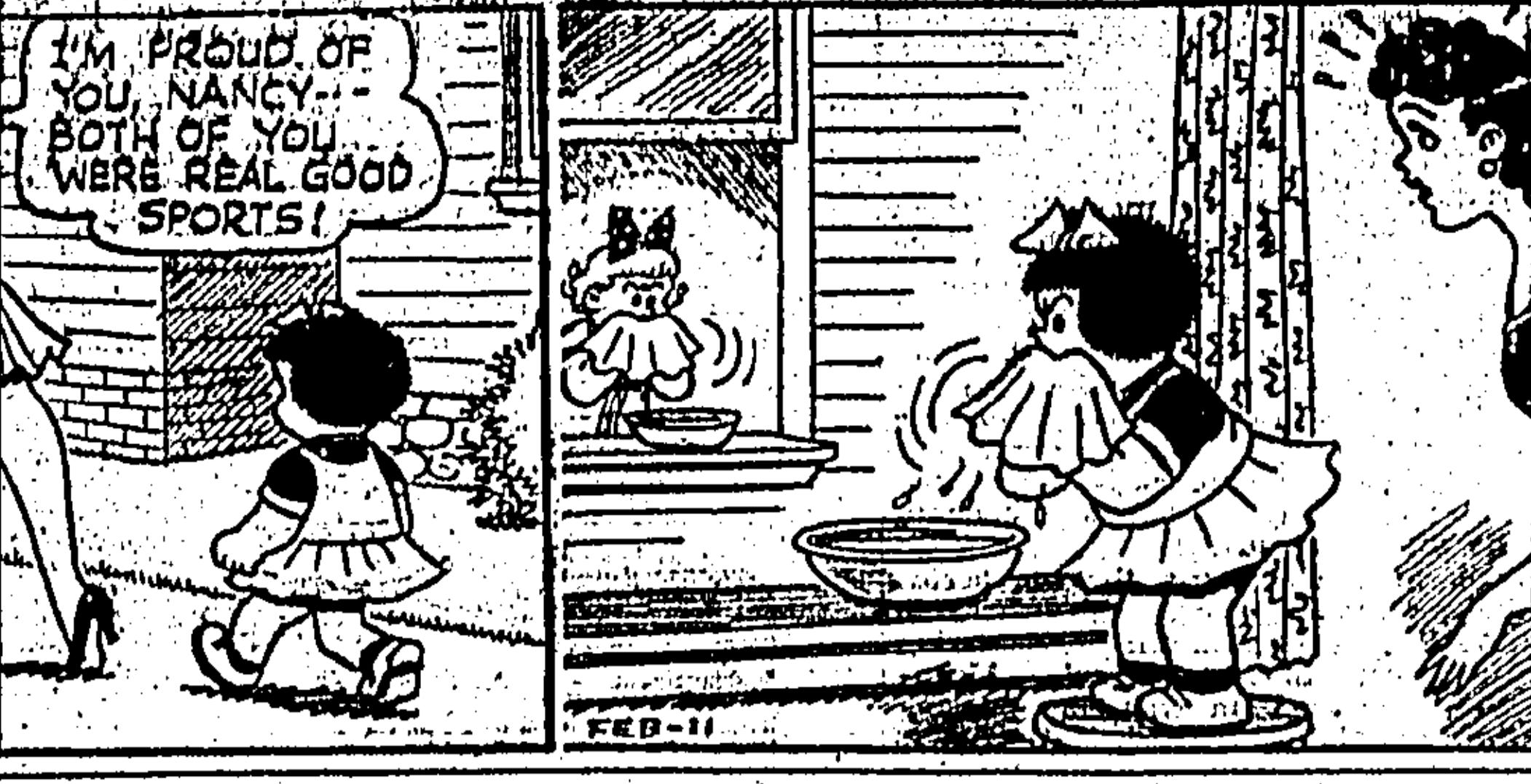
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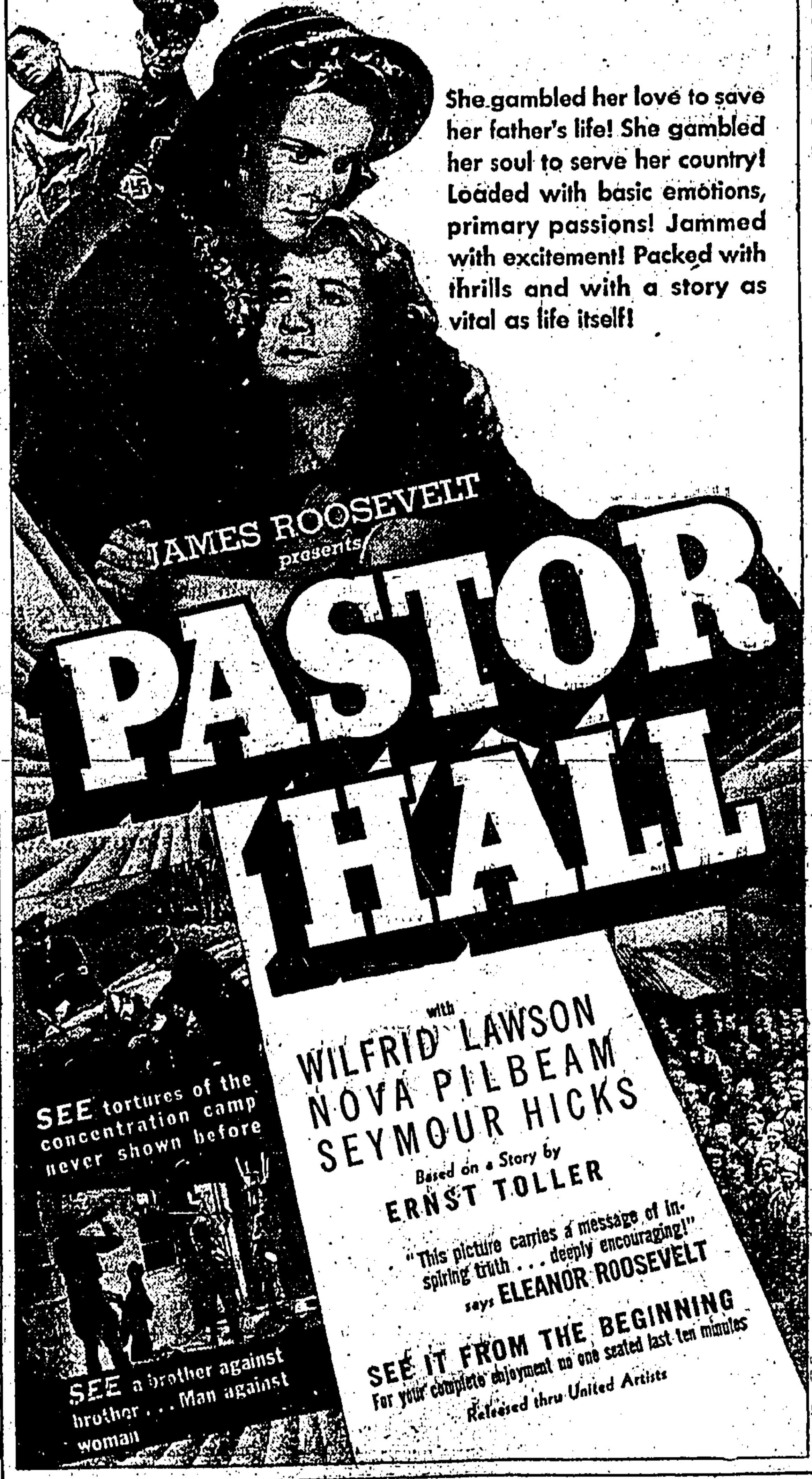
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Enemy Losses

Over Britain

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — R.A.F. fighter pilots and anti-aircraft defences destroyed enemy aircraft at an average rate of 80 a month since January 1, over and around Britain. Night air raids, mainly over the north-east coast, totalled 100.

of 1941 was 155. Fighter Command losses for the first quarter of the year were 41 aircraft, stated the Air Ministry.

Quiet Night

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — London had no air warning to-night. This is the eleventh quiet night running, though there was some British flying. There was again some activity by the enemy, which the Air Ministry had to report.

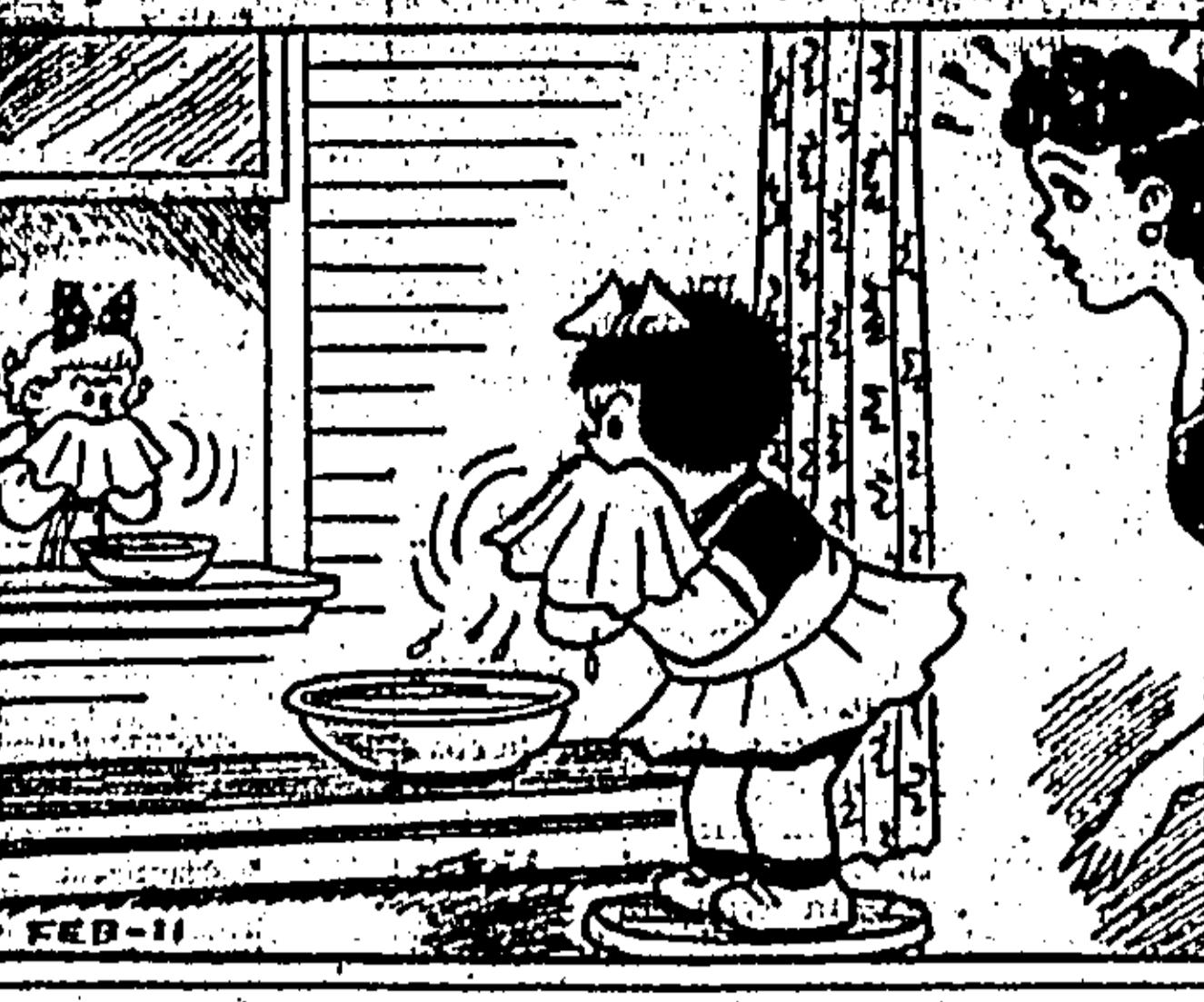
Raiders were reported over several other areas but up to a late hour no incidents were reported.

Fighter In Channel

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — An enemy fighter which ventured over the Channel to-day was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters. It was officially announced.

"This is the only item of daylight

By Ernie Bushmiller



Wedding Unites Prominent H.K. Chinese Families

Two prominent Chinese families were united yesterday when the marriage between Miss Katherine Kam-Sheung Lee and Mr Benjamin Kwai, Lau Lui, took place at the Registry.

ONLY FOOD IN VICHY SHIPS Convoy Incident

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Reuter) — A Vichy communiqué denies that any materials other than food-stuffs were aboard the convoy which figured in the incident with British units off the Algerian coast.

The communiqué says that the convoys consisted of 15,000 tons of rice and sugar, being sent from Madagascar and Indo-China for Algeria and Marseilles for next month's rations; 1,000 tons of vegetables and seeds, from Morocco for the non-occupied zone; and 7,000 tons of barley from Morocco, intended for the native population of Algeria.

German Pressure

(By "REUTER'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 31. — The Germans are playing up the incident off the Algerian coast between the French convoy of four merchantmen and British units. The British have excellent reasons for believing that the ships were laden with contraband, chiefly a big consignment of rubber.

The incident is unfortunate as the Vichy Government are acting under the inspiration, if not pressure, of the Germans. The rights of the British to enforce blockade are undisputed in international law, and it was only by the exercise of great self-restraint that the British did not employ the power which was in their hands of using coercion against the blockade runners but the higher considerations of humanity prevailed despite the added provocation of hell-fire from the shore batteries and attacks from the air.

No Wish to Quarrel

Britain has obviously no wish to quarrel with Vichy or interfere with the legitimate traffic between non-occupied France and her colonies, but it is clear that Germany cannot be allowed to take advantage of British generosity and forbearance.

It is therefore to be expected that Britain's attitude in this and cognate questions will be repeated to Vichy in unmistakable language to remove the chance of repetition of such incidents. The British Government have known for some time that French vessels have been carrying goods destined for Germany. The most revealing was the programme for French railway transport drawn up on January 15 to March 1, which fell into British hands.

Ore And Rubber

According to this programme, some 30,000 tons of bauxite, 10,000 tons of aluminium and thousands of tons of rubber were to be transferred from Unoccupied France to Germany. Absolute priority over other shipments was provided in the programme for some 200,000 tons of nitrate which had arrived in Unoccupied France from Chile.

The Free French newspaper, published in London, writes: "Frenchmen will realize, despite the efforts of the Vichy radio that Admiral Darlan is playing the Germans' game. He is pushing collaboration with the Reich to as extreme limits as Laval would have done. If Dar-

lan is led to Berlin, the French nation repudiates this outrageous

attitude and remains faithful to the alliance with Britain, who is fighting for victory over the common enemy."

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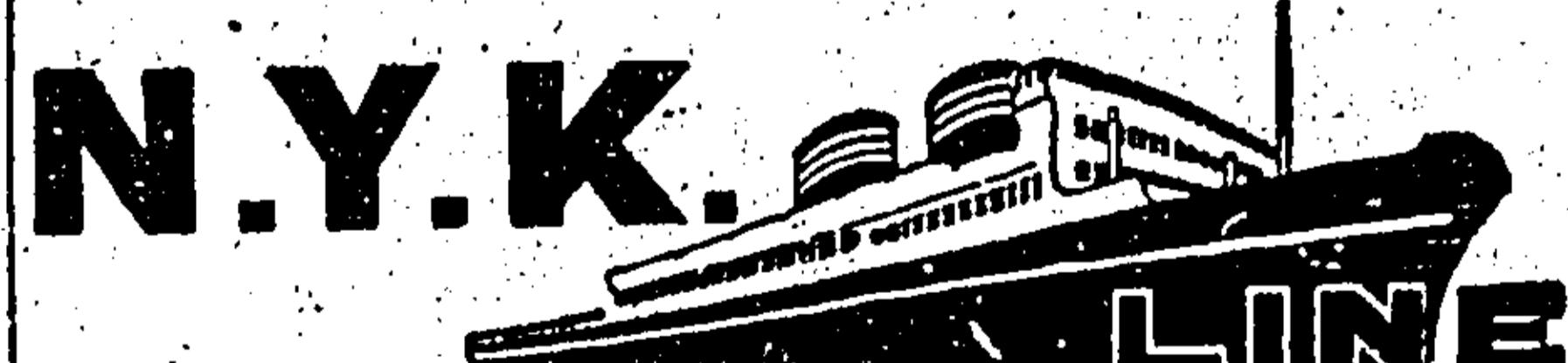
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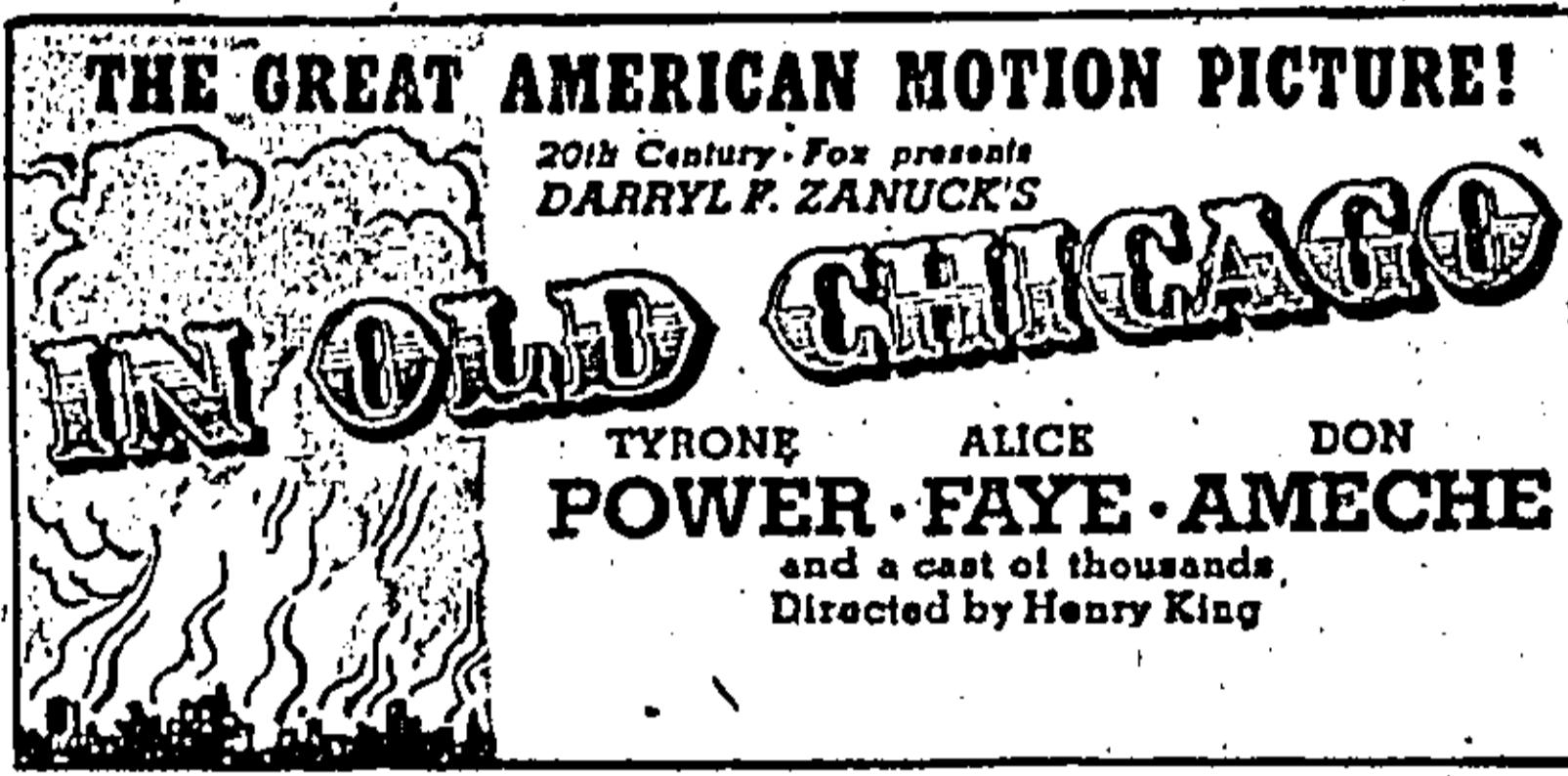
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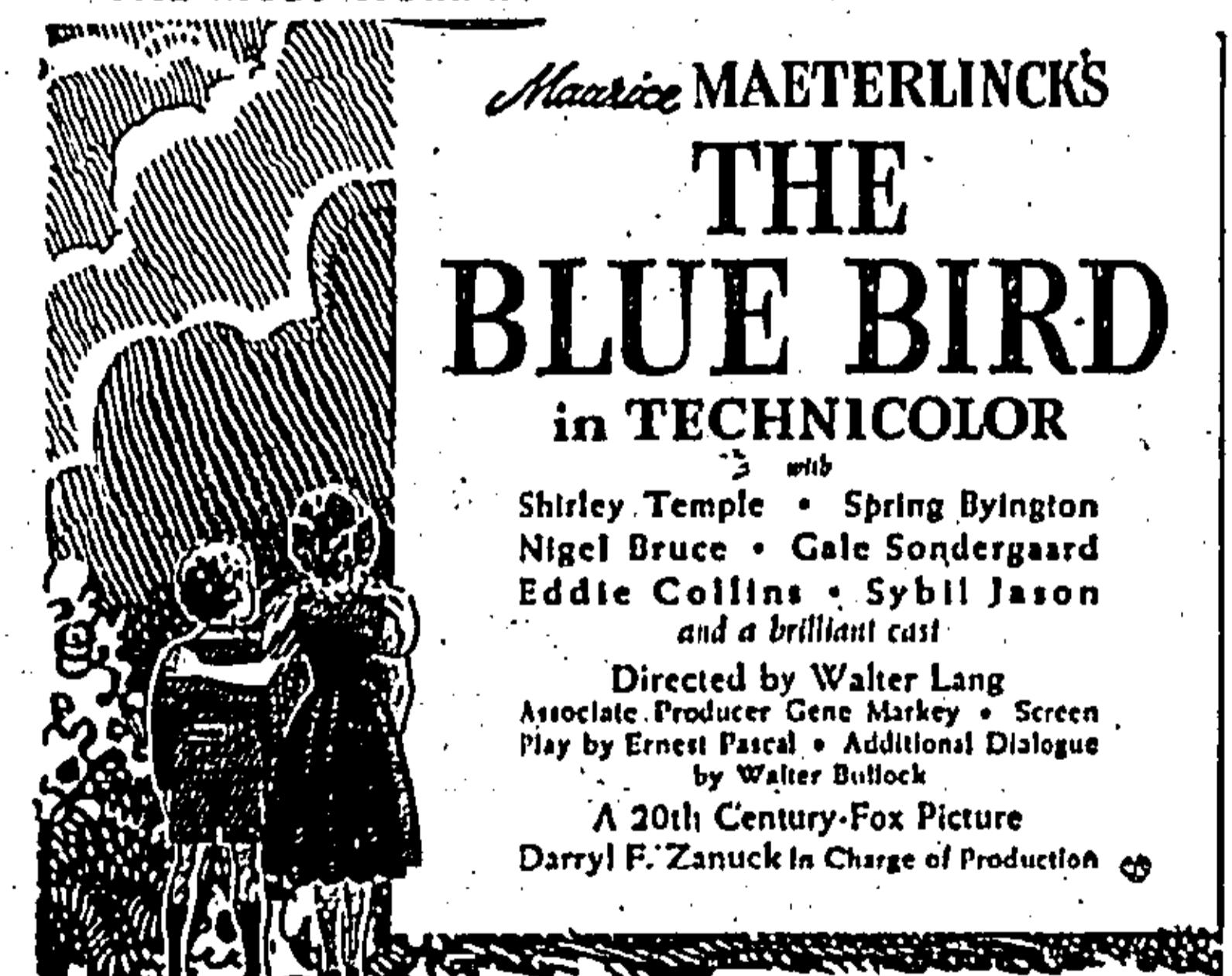
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Italian Ships Led Into Trap

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Italian ships were menacing them and the cruiser Pola, though motionless, was still unaccounted for.

Surrender At Sea

As the Jervis approached the Pola flung out a large white sheet and her crew were drawn up on the quarter-deck apparently ready to surrender. The Pola's private papers and the ship's books were burning beneath the after gun turret.

A gangplank was thrown across between the quarter-decks of the Pola and the Jervis and the surrendering Italians clambered aboard. Meanwhile as the Pola was surrendering the remaining British destroyers were cruising round picking up survivors. The prisoners included an official naval war correspondent who is also an artist. He was said to have already prepared a picture of British ships sinking but he tore it up when he found that it was Italian and not British ships that were being sunk.

Optical Instruments

An interesting point with regard to this action is that the British were able to pick out the Italians in the darkness before they themselves were seen. A large measure of the success must be credited to the superiority of British optical instruments to the German instruments used by the Italians.

The ceaseless practice of the British fleet in night fighting also undoubtedly contributed to the signal victory. It seems probable that the Italians put to sea in an attempt to intercept British convoys.

Asked whether he thought the Italians put to sea under German control, Admiral Cunningham was of the opinion that they probably put to sea "under German instigation."

U.S. LABOUR IS READY TO HELP

"The United States Labour Movement is appreciative of our position, and is willing to co-operate fully, although naturally desirous of safeguarding its standards."

Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the T.U.C., gave this impression of his talks with American Labour leaders.

He has been attending the recent convention of the American Federation of Labour in New Orleans.

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